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Director's Corner

CALL continues to support you—the Warfighter—as we execute our Army's mission. Together we move forward capitalizing on our best practices and learning from our lessons while deployed and at homestation.

At CALL we continue to expand our focus from not only the tactical level of war but across the full spectrum. We have reached out to the ASCCs to see how we can best support them and YOU as your units deploy forward into their theaters of operation.

Some of those highlights are captured in this newsletter as well updates from the training centers, recent publications that are available (hardcopy and digital), and our upcoming work on multinational interoperability.

On a separate note, I would like to thank everyone who provided input and/or participated in the Army Lessons Learned Synchronization Conference. Your contributions were invaluable as we developed the focus areas for our collection activities in FY 2016.

We are here for you—so give us a call, look us up on the web, or send us a request for information—we will make the current fight easier.



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FY16 Lessons Learned Synchronization Conference (27-28 APR)

The inaugural Army Lessons Learned Synchronization Conference was held 28-29 APR, at Fort Leavenworth. Forty-two organizations participated with 84 stakeholders represented to include ASCCs, Joint and Air Force lessons learned organizations, I Corps, HQDA, FORSCOM, TRADOC and IMCOM HQs, CAC, and all TRADOC CoEs.

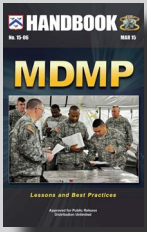
The purpose was to inform, synchronize, and integrate the Army lessons learned community—that mission was absolutely accomplished. All 42 organizations shared information on their activities throughout the conference and this shared knowledge was reflected in the identification of many new collection opportunities which will inform the FY 2016 collection focus areas.

Of significance was the ASCC discussion of topics critical to their missions such as security cooperation, regionally aligned forces, and Joint Task Force headquarters restructuring. Productive dialogue concerning topics and collaborative collection opportunities nested with outcomes (i.e., products) took place over the day-and-a-half event and addressed all levels of war and the institutional Army. These concerted and nested initiatives will enhance support to the Warfighter, enable unity of effort, and preserve precious resources. Input from the conference directly contributes to the FY 2016 Army Lessons Learned Annual Plan due to HQDA by 01 SEP 15.





NEW Publication



15-06, MDMP Handbook. *There are numerous key doctrinal manuals that address the military decisionmaking process (MDMP). This handbook is designed to consolidate much of this doctrine, combined with analysis of observations from recent deployments and CTC rotations, into a single source that is useful to junior leaders as they conduct the MDMP. More detailed study of the MDMP can be accomplished by studying the key doctrinal manuals listed in Chapter 13 of this handbook. You can find this handbook at: [15-06 MDMP Lessons and Best Practices](#).*

CALL CGSC Elective (27 March-28 April)

On 28 April, the Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL) graduated 31 majors from the first “pilot” of a Command and General Staff School (CGSS) elective—A344 Army Lessons Learned for S3’s and XO’s—which addresses the roles and responsibilities of BN S3’s and XO’s in the Army Lessons Learned Process.

In addition to instilling lessons learned fundamentals, the course also trained the students in the operation and implementation of the new Department of Defense (DOD) system of record for observations, lessons, and best practices: the Joint Lessons Learned Information System (JLLIS). This training will provide the Operational Army a way to increase performance and efficiency by formalizing the way the lessons learned process works instead of relying on discovery learning.

Joint Readiness Training Center



The Joint Readiness Training Center welcomed home BG Timothy McGuire, a former deputy commander of the JRTC Operations Group, as the new Commanding General of the JRTC and Fort Polk on 27 March 2015. BG McGuire arrived at the JRTC as the training center entered final preparations for Rotation 15-06. The rotation will play

two separate embassies which during the course of two noncombatant evacuations, will host 11 foreign service officers (FSOs) from the U.S. Department of State and an FBI hostage negotiation team. Working with the Combined Arms Center SOF Cell and CALL, JRTC Operations Group will host a collection with the Special Operations Training Detachment (SOTD) focused on SOF-CF-IA interdependence.

National Training Center



The National Training Center continues to conduct tough, realistic, unified land operations with our unified action partners to prepare brigade combat teams and other units for combat. This training starts prior to the rotation with an eight-day Leader Training Program (LTP) led by 22 coaches consisting of former BDE/BN commanders and other subject-matter experts. The program has successfully evolved its focus from counterinsurgency to decisive action, yet always customizing to the needs of the unit. CALL supports the LTP initially by making contact with the rotational unit prior to arrival and pointing them to CALL resources, JLLIS, and offering any assistance CALL may have in reference to lessons learned. Upon the unit’s arrival, at the NTC CALL provides resources such as the NTC CALL publication library, which has approximately 200 CALL publication titles in stock.

Joint Maneuver Readiness Center



CALL deployed a senior military analyst to conduct a USAREUR collection on 01-07 APR 2015 to collect on theater strategic/operational-to tactical-level issues concerning Operation Atlantic Resolve, security cooperation and multinational operations in the EUCOM AOR. The team, led by Mission Command Center of Excellence Director BG Willard M. Burleson III, his aide, and CALL Senior Military Analyst Mike Hartmayer, looked at interoperability and multinational operations in relation to echelons division and above.

CALL Support to Pacific Pathways 15

CALL is partnering with I Corps and USARPAC to collect lessons learned and best practices from the various Pacific Pathways 15 events. CALL will prepare three separate initial impressions reports (IIRs) from these events to capture lessons and best practices and possibly produce other publications on Pacific Pathways in the future.



Uganda Lessons Learned Program

CALL deployed a three-person training team from 15-20 February 2015 to Jinja, Uganda, to provide advice and assistance to the Ugandan People Defense Force (UPDF) in establishing a lessons learned program. The team was hosted by Major General Francis Okello, Commandant of the Ugandan Rapid Deployment Capability Center (URD-CC), to identify capability gaps in capturing lessons learned and improving unit performance after operations and training. The UPDF's goal is to lead in the development of a regional lessons learned capability based in Uganda. CALL will continue to work with the UPDF to provide ongoing advice and assistance as the UPDF's lessons learned program is established.

9th Annual International Lessons Learned Conference, Tartu, Estonia

COL Paul P. Reese, CALL Director, will be a speaker at this year's International Lessons Learned Conference hosted by the Baltic Defense College in Tartu, Estonia, 1-4 June 2015. COL Reese will present a paper/presentation entitled "NATO Multinational Brigade Interoperability: Issues, Mitigating Solutions, and is it time for a NATO Multinational Brigade Doctrine?" The presentation will be given in light of increased NATO activity through its ongoing Atlantic Resolve exercises and NATO's February 2015 decision to create a more robust NATO Response Force (NRF) in the form of a Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF) that is anchored by a multinational land brigade consisting of up to five maneuver battalions.

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Lessons Learned Course

The five-day Lessons Learned Course is designed to train multiservice commissioned officers and NCOs serving as lessons learned officers at battalion, brigade, division, or corps levels.

Additional information about the Lessons Learned Course, including course dates, can be found at: <http://usacac.army.mil/organizations/mccoe/call/ll-course>.

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