I Corps Fire Support Conference

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I don’t have the answers yet, but I will share with you what I am thinking...
Army Core Competencies

- Train/equip **Soldiers** and grow **Leaders**

- Provide **Relevant** and **Ready** land power capability to **Combatant Commanders** as part of the **Joint Team**
First Competency: Soldiers and Leaders

• “Warrior Ethos”
  - put the mission first
  - refuse to accept defeat
  - never quit
  - never leave a fallen comrade

• An Attitude!
First Competency: Soldiers and Leaders

The Field Artillery/Fire Support community gives the JTFCDR at least a two-fer...a disciplined rifleman and a well trained/well equipped Artilleryman/Fire Supporter.
"You know you are relevant when your maneuver commander won’t even think about deploying anywhere without you!"
Ready but not Relevant
This is not Ready
• **FA Brigade allocation rules were last examined by the Army Science Board in 1995.**
  - Study conducted with a 1995 Blue Force against a 1995 Red threat in NEA and SWA.
  - Result was allocation rule change to 2 FA BDE HQs, each with 1 cannon and 2 rockets Bns in support of committed divisions.

• **Deliberate decision to accept risk with force structure reduction in 1996-1998 based on pending enablers (Crusader, SADARM, M270A1, MSTAR).**
  - 155SP Cannon Battalions reduced from 3x8 to 3x6 (1996)
  - MLRS Rocket Battalions reduced from 3x9 to 3x6 (1998)
  - 155T Cannon Battalions reduced from 3x8 to 3x6 (1998)

*First major examination of required capabilities in eight years*
Field Artillery Allocation Rules and Force Structure Analysis directed as part of the requirements determination process for Total Army Analysis 2011.

- Determine the appropriate TAA-11 allocation rules for field artillery brigade headquarters and battalions to support current divisions in a Major Combat Operation.

Study did not model Stryker or Future Force organizations and capabilities
Our Recommendations

• Change allocation rule for FA Brigades in support of committed divisions to one FA Brigade HQs with 2 cannon and 3 rocket battalions.

• Retain second FA Brigade HQs against each Corps Headquarters in an MCO.

• Further study required to determine appropriate allocation of FA Brigades supporting the Corps Headquarters in TAA-13. Retain second FA Bde Headquarters without units until next phase of study is completed.

Recommendations present acceptable risk if properly implemented
• Supporting field artillery requirements for 3 Corps and 7 Divisions in MCO stack:
  • 13 FA Brigade Headquarters
  • 30 MLRS/HIMARS Battalions
  • 14 Cannon Battalions
• One additional FA Brigade HQs required for flexible support of Corps (General Support)
• Reduces Decisive Victory EAD structure by 2 FA Bde HQs and 4 MLRS Bns
• Reduces Swiftly Defeat EAD structure by 2 FA Bde HQs and 3 MLRS Bns
Impact on EAD Structure

Total Current FA Structure (EAD)

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Transformations:
- CTAD 5
- MLRS 24
- HIMARS 6
- 155 SP 10
- 155 4

* 155T conversion to HIMARS

Structure not recognized available for possible reductions

Not Recognized
- FA Bde Hqs 9
- MLRS 8
- 155 SP 1
- 155 Towed 14
## Preliminary Total TAA Impact

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Usage of ARNG Units Since 9/11

Divisional Combat Battalions

- In Bn (Light): 15, 11, 4
- In Bn (Mech): 20, 3, 3
- Armor Bn: 15, 20, 8

Brigades & Separate Battalions

- PR SEP BDE: 10, 2, 2
- Mountain Bn VT: 5, 6, 7
- Scout Bn AK: 4, 3, 4
- Sep Bn GN: 10, 18, 12
- Light Bn: 7, 18, 18
- Mech Bn: 3, 4, 3
- Armored Cav Squadron: 9, 9, 2
- Armor Bn: 9, 9, 2

Chemical Units

- RECON / DECON Co: 2, 6, 6
- HEAVY Div Chem Co: 1, 6, 7
- CORPS Chem Co: 3, 1, 7
- Bde HHC: 2, 9
- HHD BN: 2, 9

Engineer Units

- Combat Heavy BN: 13, 2, 2
- Corps Mech BN: 3, 4, 2
- Corps CBT BN WRL: 6, 8, 6
- HHC Const Grp: 5, 2, 2
- CS Eqpt Co: 7, 11, 11
- Utility Det: 20, 20, 20

Medical Units

- HHD, Area Spt Med BN: 12, 3
- Area Spt Med Co: 12, 4
- GRND AMBU CO: 12, 4
- MEDEVAC Co: 7, 7
- EVAC BN: 1, 1

Military Police Units

- CBT SPT CO: 12, 43
- Divisional MP Co: 5, 3
- GUARD Co: 3, 12
- CID & Law & Order Dets: 7, 3
- BN HHD: 2, 3

Ordnance Units

- DS MAINT Co: 19, 25, 25
- GS MAINT Co: 6, 27, 27
- HHD EOD GRP: 17, 17
- HHD EOD BN: 11, 11
- EOD Co: 3, 3

Transportation Units

- HET Co: 16, 16
- MDM Truck Cgo Co: 16, 16
- LIGHT/MDM Truck Co: 15, 15
- MDM Truck Co (PLS): 16, 16
- MDM Truck Co (POL): 17, 17
Modularity

Logistics

Platform

Ammo

C2
Be Like Mike!
Priorities:

Fort Sill and Fires Community

• Support GWOT

• Reset

• Transformation
Ongoing Efforts

• Precision Effects Study

• Five Enhancements (24-36 months)

• Industry Day (23 January)

• Briefing TRADOC CDR
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