Introduction to Expeditionary & Irregular Warfare

Colonel Douglas Stilwell, USMC
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“I’ve had a strange sense that two parallel worlds exist on this planet - a stable, progressively growing, developing world and an unstable, disintegrating, chaotic world. The two worlds - the stable and the unstable - are colliding.”

- General Anthony Zinni, USMC
Trends – The future establishes the requirement....

- Demographic Dichotomy
- Urban Density and Sprawl
- Growing Resource Scarcity
- Uneven Prosperity
- Economic/Global Power Shift Toward Asia
- Struggle for Sovereign Legitimacy
- Character and Conduct of Warfare Continue to Blur
Hybrid threats, the blurring character of conflict, and complex environments lead to...

- Networked Terrorists, Criminals, & Insurgents
- Emerging Global Powers
- Increasing Interdependence
- “Haves” vs “Have Nots”
- Anti-West attitudes
- Identity/ Faith-based movements

Access challenges...
Largely in the Littorals

- Urbanization
- Famine and Disease
- Increased Resource Competition
- Climate Change
- High Earthquake Risk Areas

Hybrid Threat Capabilities

- Terrorism/Crime
- Significant Drug Regions
- Ungoverned Spaces
- Nuclear Armed States
- Anti-access Weapons

Wars Amongst the People

Complex Terrain

Information Environment

“militias, insurgent groups, other nonstate actors, and developing world militaries are increasingly acquiring more technology, lethality, and sophistication... Sec Gates
Expeditionary Force in Readiness
US Marine Corps Strategic Concept

Core Missions

Crisis Response
Assuring Littoral Access
Examples From the Sea Since 2001

Engage Forward
- Unitas: SouthCom
  - Annual
- Georgian Training Program
- Africa Partnership Station
- LF Carat: PACOM
  - Annual
- 11 Nations Multinational Ex
  - Bright Star, Ulchi Focus Lens, Cobra Gold

Develop Access
- CJTF Horn of Africa
  - Counter Terrorism
- NEO Monrovia, Liberia
  - 2005
  - >2500 AMCITS Evacuated
- NEO Lebanon
  - 2006
  - ~14,000 AMCITS Evacuated
- TF-151
  - Counter Piracy
  - USS Boxer (LHD)
  - 2010

Respond to Crisis
- JTF Unified Assistance
  - Tsunami Relief 2004
  - International Response
    - 422,000 gallons H2O
    - 2100 Tons Food
    - 2230 Patients
- JTF Katrina (New Orleans)
  - Flexibility
  - Speed of response
  - HA/DR
  - USS Iwo Jima
  - 2005
- NEO Lebanon
  - 2006
  - 24 MEU
- Burma Caring Response
  - 2007
- Haiti Hurricane
  - Haiti Earthquake
  - 2008
  - 2009
  - >1200 hosp beds
  - 3.3 million pounds aid

Create Access
- 12 Battalions to CENTCOM
- >10 countries, 1500 trained
- 10 MEU
- TF-58
  - 450 NM
  - 48 hours
- 15th MEU Basra
  - 2008
- 24 MEU
- MEU Strikes Iraq / Afghanistan
  - 2006/2007

Force Access
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Revolutionary Research... Relevant Results
“The Marine Corps has been at the leading edge for over 200 years in adapting and responding to new technologies and new threats.”
- Develop Warfighting Concepts
- Define Future Capabilities
- Requirements
- S&T Objectives
- Resources

- Plan and Execute Technology
  Discovery Invention and Exploitation
- Collaborate with Government
  Industry and Academia
- Technology Transition

- Programs Research and Development
- Procurement
- Fielding
- Operation and Sustainment

MAGTF Implications
- Decentralized operations
- Effectiveness in complex terrain
- Persistent C4ISR in dense complex environments
- Increased efficiencies (lighter, leaner, less energy demand)