

From the Commandant's desk

Mission Command and the Field Artillery Vision are designed to keep the Force on course

Field Artillery Leaders,


First of all, thank you to all the Commanders and Command Sergeants Major who participated in the Field Artillery Senior Commander Forum held on 28 Jul 16. This turned out to be an excellent venue to present timely and relevant material and discuss matters of importance to the branch. We will continue to do these events quarterly and as a change, I want to open up the presentation portion to a larger audience as a leader professional development opportunity, but we will still have conversation with brigade-level commanders and CSMs at the end. Upcoming forums and accompanying topics will be announced in the near future, so if you are interested in recommending a topic, contact COL Heyward Hutson, the USAFAS Assistant Commandant.

In this edition of the Redleg Update, I want to highlight three information papers I sent out to Field Artillery leaders in August that discuss key elements of mission command. These papers touch on three key initiatives that are either currently being implemented by the Operational Force or will soon be enhancing our Fires forces capabilities. The first discusses the transition of our branch technicians, [131A Warrant Officers, to the role of Targeting System Integrators](#), and the second, which further enables the 131A initiative, provides a broader understanding of the capabilities of the next version of [Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System \(AFATDS v6.8.1.1\)](#). This new version of AFATDS will greatly enhance the Fires community's ability to accomplish our three key tasks; conduct targeting; integrate all forms of Army, Joint and Multinational fires; and deliver fires. The third white paper discusses the [Joint Air Ground Integrating Center \(JAGIC\)](#), its continued development, and what it offers to the force.

As the JAGIC concept continues to develop, it is important for those units going through the Mission Command Training Program (MCTP) to make sure they share their lessons learned across the force.

Also in this edition is an update on where we are with the funding for the [Joint Operational Fires and Effects Course \(JOFEC\)](#). The first pilot course is slated for the second half of FY 2017. This is a very important opportunity of our Joint and multinational partners to receive training in the Army targeting process, as well as for our Soldiers and leaders who need training for working in Division and higher Fires cells or Battlefield Command Detachments (BCDs).

Lastly, I want to draw your attention to our Field Artillery Vision [{See page 4}](#). The vision will inform the FY'17 Field Artillery Training Strategy which will be published this Fall. This, in turn, will inform the FA Modernization Strategy which we will work to publish in cooperation with the Fires Center of Excellence (FCoE) Capability Development Integration Directorate (CDID).

The vision and its associated products will guide us as branch for the next several years. It outlines where we need to grow and improve, as well as what we need to sustain. It is intended to give a sense of purpose and will in turn drive modernization and continued professional of the FA force. It takes into account where we have been and defines where we intend to go in the future. Thank you for being part of this vision and for being part of the team. 

**King of Battle!
Fires Strong!**

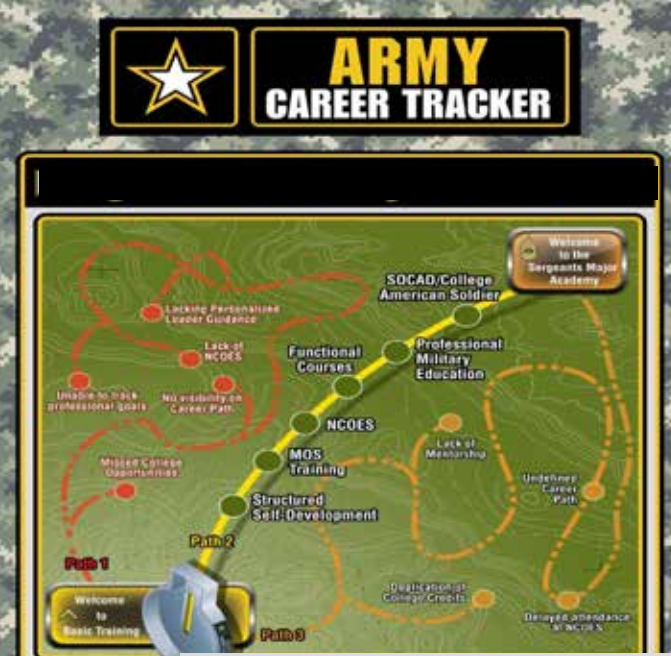
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The Field Artillery Vision: Be the world's premier Field Artillery force; modernized, organized, trained, and ready to integrate and employ Army, Joint, and Multinational fires, across multiple domains, enabling victory through Unified Land Operations.

LINES OF EFFORT		SUPPORTING EFFORTS	END STATE
SUPPORT THE WARFIGHTER	LOE 1: Enable the Operational Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage Army and Joint leaders with relevant FA themes and messages Strengthen Field Artillery / Fires posture across the Total Army Force Collect and Disseminate Lessons Learned Streamline / Enhance the Fires Knowledge Network repository and user interface Provide opportunities for branch-wide discussion and collaboration Leverage Foreign Liaison Officers to strengthen multinational understanding 	The US Army Field Artillery enables maneuver commanders to dominate in Unified Land Operations through effective targeting, integration, and delivery of fires.
	LOE 2: Educate & Train Competent and Adaptive Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract, assess, and retain high-quality cadre Transform the Master Gunner & Fire Support Vehicle Courses Emphasize Field Artillery Core Competencies in all training domains Transform MOS 131A - Field Artillery Warrant Officer into a Systems Integration expert Update the Field Artillery Captain's Career Course Program of Instruction (One Army School System) Deliberately Transform the 428th FA Brigade as part of the FCoE Transformation Plan 	
	LOE 3: Modernize the Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a long-term DOTMLPF-P roadmap for Field Artillery branch modernization out to 2030 Achieve Overmatch - Range / Capacity / Sufficiency / Precision Enhance FA Relevance Through Strategic Portfolio Assessment Review (SPAR) Enable FA / Fires Formations (DIVARTYs, FABs, BCDs, Fires Battalions) Improve and integrate Beyond Line Of Sight sensor capability - Precision 	
	LOE 4: Advance Targeting and Joint/Multinational Fires Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and Codify the Army Targeting Enterprise Build the FCoE Infrastructure to advance the Army Targeting Center Provide Army input to Joint targeting policy, training, and doctrine Advance Joint and Multinational Fires integration and interoperability 	
	LOE 5: Personnel Development and Talent Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimize talent management across the Field Artillery population Continually shape the 13 series MOSs Attract and retain a quality Field Artillery force Enhance self-development venues and credentialing 	

"The Mission Of The Field Artillery Is To Destroy, Defeat, Or Disrupt The Enemy With Integrated Fires To Enable Maneuver Commanders To Dominate In Unified Land Operations" (ADRP 3-09) Version 1.0 AUG 16

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