

2023 FORSCOM Observer Controller Trainer Religious Support Synchronization Symposium (FORTRESS)

"Preparing Souls for War Through Total Army Training"

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CUI.

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Topic: NTC Training Update

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Training Sustain:

UMT Battle Books and Staff Products

Recommendation:

• A best practice is BCTs deploying with standardized staff products shared among all UMTs (running estimate, battle rhythm, SOP, battle book, etc.). See ATP 1-05.01 chapter 2 outlining expected products.

Training Improve:

Rehearsals / Staff Integration

Recommendation:

• UMTs must participate in Sustainment RXLs and conduct RS RXLs IOT build shared understanding among WfFs and to prepare a rehearsed RS plan.

Training Improve:

RS Plan (Tab D) & Training Plan

Recommendation:

- UMTs deploy with RS plan synced with the unit's phases of the operation and prioritizing RS efforts that are flexible, iterative, and adaptable to LSCO.
- Have an annual UMT training plan that is synced/integrated with the unit's mission glide path.

Training Improve:

PACE plan / Comms

Recommendation:

 UMTs deploy with communication equipment and a validated PACE plan already practiced in unit and RS COMEXs.

The NTC UMT Observer Coach Trainer Team serves to coach, teach, and mentor brigade and battalion level Unit Ministry Teams to provide comprehensive RS in LSCO.



FY23: 8 Rotations = 70 UMTs

| UMT | Total |
|----------------|-------|
| 56A Authorized | 70 |
| 56A Present | 58 |
| % | 83% |
| 56M Authorized | 70 |
| 56M Present | 47 |
| % | 67% |

- 7 BDE Rotations (including 1 Ranger Rgt)
 - 1 BDE deployed without 56A
 - 1 BDE deployed without 56M
- 59 BN UMTs
 - 8 BN deployed without 56A
 - 18 BN deployed without 56M
- 1 DIV Rotation (including 1 SFAB, 1 DIVARTY, and 1 CAB)
 - DIV deployed without 56A & 56M
 - 2 BDE deployed without 56A
 - 3 BDE deployed without 56M

Impact on Mission/Ministry

- Contingency plan for UMT shortages. Most units will not deploy full strength. Backfills come from DIV, other units, or special duty.
- **RS coverage plan.** Short manning requires the BDE to create a RS plan for units without a team or to flex assets during the operation.

Casualties

- During LSCO, the unit will experience high casualties. Recent BCT rotations had approximately 2200 casualties.
- UMTs will become casualties.
- RS planning must include the possibility of UMT losses resulting in UMTs covering several units and operating in isolated conditions for extended periods of time.



| Metric | % of UMTs |
|--|-----------|
| Religious Preference Profile | 60 % |
| 90 Days Religious Supplies | 53 % |
| Religious Support Plan (Tab D) Published | 41 % |
| TACSOP BCT/BN | 63 % |
| Running Estimates | 67 % |
| Battle Book | 77 % |
| Мар | 67 % |
| Hasty Memorial Plan | 48 % |
| Battle Rhythm | 59 % |
| Battle Tracking Tool | 33 % |
| Workspace | 52 % |
| RAA (Complete) | 67 % |
| Attended & Participated in MDMP | 50 % |
| Direct Access to CMD / CSM | 77 % |
| Sustainment Rehearsal | 48 % |
| Combined Armed Rehearsal | 17 % |
| Religious Support Rehearsal | 16 % |
| Religious Support COMEX | 12 % |

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Sustain

Staff Products

- Running Estimates
- Battle Book
- Battle Rhythm
- Religious Preference Profile
- RAA

Improve

<u>Planning</u>

- RS Plan (Tab D)
- Hasty Memorial Plan

Rehearsals / Staff Integration

- Sustainment RXL
- CAR
- RS RXL
- RS COMEX

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Battle Focused Tasks

Conduct Command Post Operations.

Integrate RS Plan (Unit, Area & Denominational) with Higher and Adjacent Units.

Plan and Integrate Comprehensive RS to Mass Casualties (Hasty Burials, Mass Internment, Hasty Memorials, Mass Memorial, Mass Notification, Care to Survivors, Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational (JIIM).

Assess and Synchronize RS Requirements during Sustained LSCO (Multi-Domain Battle).

Conduct RS for Internment and Resettlement.

Supervise (Lead) and Support (Mentor, Develop) Subordinate UMT.

Integrate Force Protection (56M lead).

Integrate Religious Logistics into Sustainment Operations.

Train subordinate UMT in BFT prior to CTC rotation and ReARMM Mission execution.

Advise Participate in RXLs (Sustainment/CAR)

Advise the CDR and Staff.



- Integration
- Synchronization
- Products
- Rehearsals
- Battle-focused and METL Tasks
- Intentionally Planned Religious Support
- Internal Advisement
- External Advisement





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Possible UMT Training Plan

| Month | Brigade Focus | Training |
|-----------|---|---|
| OCTOBER | WARNO and OPORD Training | BDE UMT leads |
| NOVEMBER | Soul Care Training | BN UMT leads Moral Injury Training |
| DECEMBER | | |
| JANUARY | UMT Responsibilities During Death Notification | BN UMT leads Medical Ministry Provide Crisis Intervention |
| FEBRUARY | Integrate the UMT into Convoy Operations | BN UMT leads RS Operations Map Reading and Battle Tracking |
| MARCH | The Counseling Process | Initial Counseling, Importance of timely/regular counseling; elements of the counseling process; event-oriented counseling; 56M participation |
| APRIL | Provide RS to a Wounded or Dying Individual / Spiritual Triage | Medical Ministry Provide RS to Wounded or Dying Soldiers/ Spiritual Triage / Hasty Memorial |
| MAY | COMEX / System Check | Validate PACE plan / RS COMEX (JBCP, FM, SIPR, etc.) |
| JUNE | | |
| JULY | Write the Religious Support Appendix for the Tactical Standing Operations Procedures (TASCOP) | 56M lead 2 Minute Drill and Running Estimate |
| AUGUST | Develop the Running Estimate for RS | RS Operations Prepare the UMT Input to Running Estimates, OPLANS and ORDERS |
| SEPTEMBER | Plan and Conduct RS for Unified Land Operations | RS Operations / The 56M in LSCO and MDO |



Lunch



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Topic: JRTC Training Update



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What my friends think I do



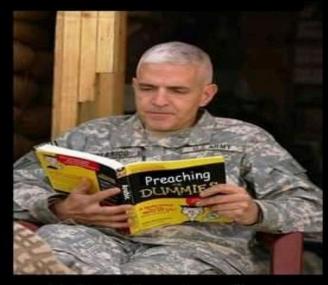
What my mom thinks I do



What I think I do



What my boss thinks I do



What I actually do



What the world thinks I do

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The JRTC OPS GRP is capable of providing America's military forces and Joint, Interagency, and Multinational partners relevant, rigorous, Multi-domain operations training in a Decisive Action and mission rehearsal exercise (MRE) environment to develop adaptive leaders, confident units, and robust capabilities across the range of military operations achieving Army readiness.



JRTC OPS GRP UMT MISSION

The JRTC OPS GRP Unit Ministry
Team enhances the US Army
Chaplain Corps'
readiness to provide dynamic
operational and world-class religious
support within a LSCO, MDO, and
GPC OE by providing innovative
coaching and training while
simultaneously influencing emerging
doctrine, tactics,
techniques, and procedures.

BLUF: We seek to minister to and with RTU UMTs while refining their tactical-level UMT "tradecraft" within the JRTC crucible training experience

FORSCOM Battle Focused Training

BDE UMT Enduring Core Capabilities

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- Advise the CDR and Staff.
- 10. Inform the CMD on religion, morals, morale, and ethical issues both within the command and throughout the OE.



FORSCOM Battle Focused Training What Are Your Training OBJs?

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Religious Support TO's and FORSCOM BFT

Training Objectives:

- Develop Concept of Religious Support (RS) establishing clear priorities, roles and responsibilities with task/purpose.
- Communicate RS mission to subordinates daily assessing UMT capabilities and gaps. Utilize command post tools (e.g., RS Running Estimate, RS COP) IOT synchronize & assess RS mission and priorities.
- Creates shared understanding with higher, while maintaining accurate and dynamic communication with all subordinate UMTs.
- Operationally integrate the religious support capability by developing & refining products (RS Running Estimate, RS COPs, CONOPs/FRAGOs, TACSOP/TOCSOPs) and by participating in collective rehearsals and staff briefings
- 5) Ensure delivery of religious support throughout the organization. Provide (religious services, counseling, support to casualties) and Advise (internal/external advisement to CMD) throughout the mission. Utilize battlefield circulation (BFC) as needed.

BDE BATTLE-FOCUSED TASKS

CONDUCT COMMAND POST (CP) OPERATIONS (SYNC) (ATP 1-05.01; .05)

ADVISE THE COMMANDER AND STAFF (INTERNAL / EXTERNAL) (ATP. 1-05.04)

INTEGRATE RS PLAN TO HIGHER/ADJACENT/SUBORDINATE UNITS (ATP 1.05.01

PLAN AND INTEGRATE COMPREHENSIVE RS TO MASS

ASSESS AND SYNCHRONIZE RS REQUIREMENTS DURING SUSTAINED LSCO (ATP 1-05.01..05)

CASUALTIES (ATP 1-05.05)

SUPERVISE (LEAD) AND SUPPORT (MENTOR, DEVELOP) SUBORDINATE UMTs (ATP 1-05, ATP 6-22.6)

INTEGRATE FORCE PROTECTION (ATP 4.0, 1-05.05)

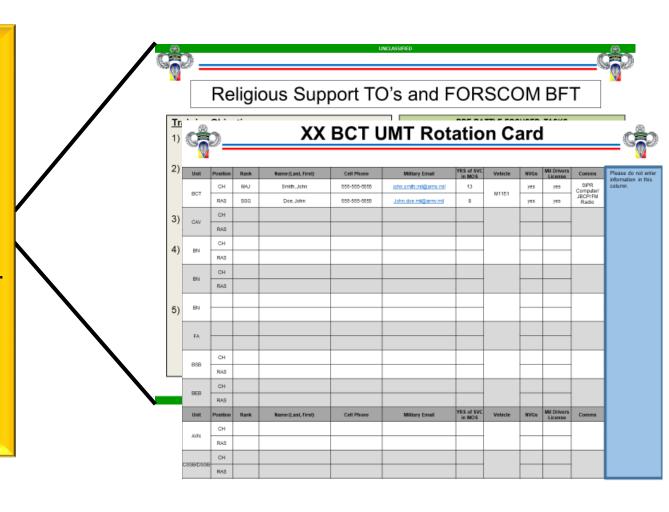
INTEGRATE RELIGIOUS LOGISTICS INTO SUSTAINMENT OPERATIONS (ATP 4-42, 1-05.01)

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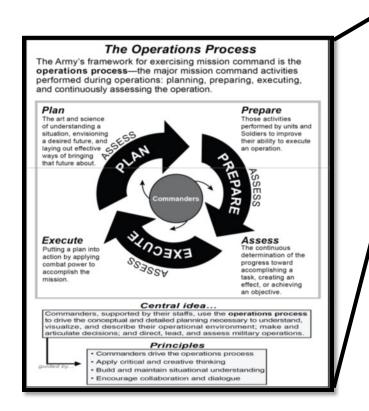
FORSCOM Battle Focused Training Who Is Training At JRTC?

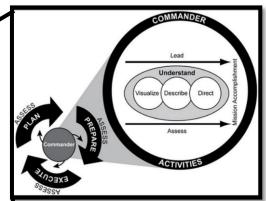
BDE UMT Enduring Core Capabilities

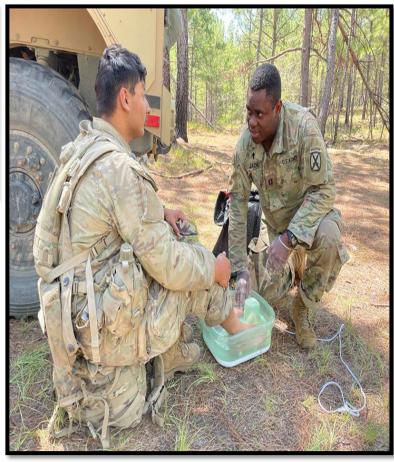
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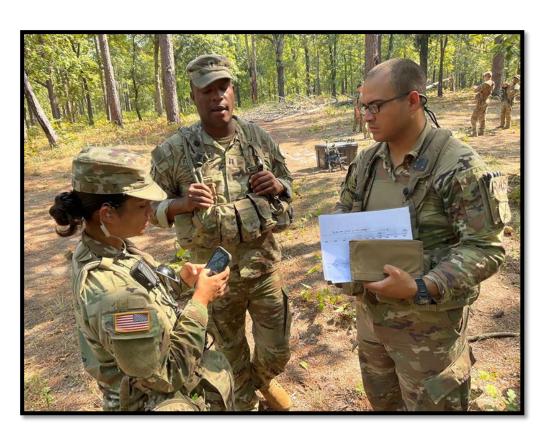






How Do We Get UMTs to the Right Place, with the Right Ministry, & in the Right Way?

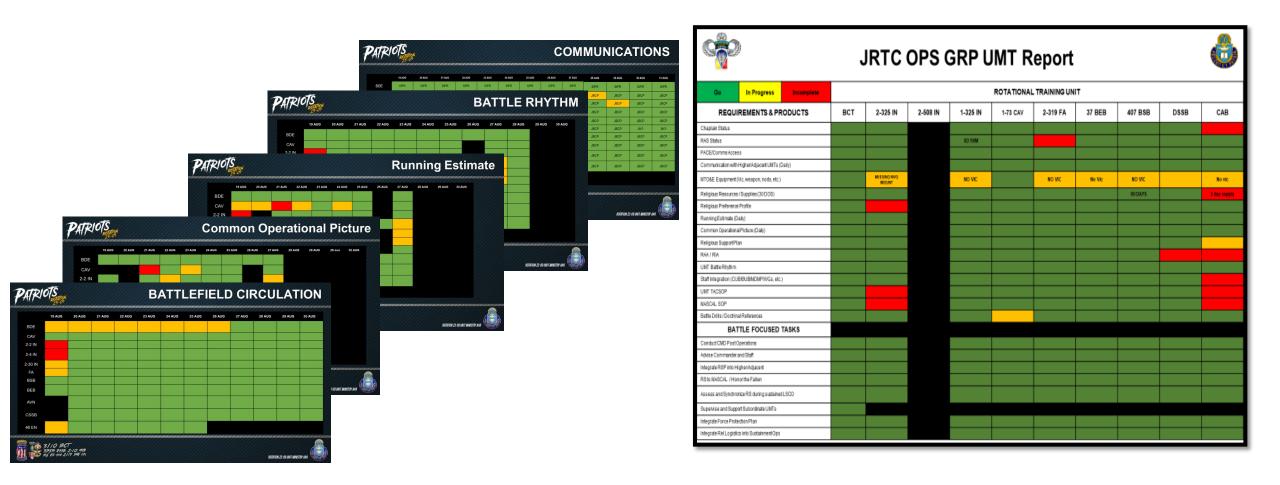
Doctrine, Training OBJs, SOPs, & Personal Goals



| UMT OCT Touchpoint | |
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| BLUF: COMMS: PACE-P:, A:C:E: Sent W6 Report Received # out of Reports/ACK From Higher Ecclesiastical Supplies: Request for More RS Supplies: BFC: Last 24: Next 24: RS PRODUCTS: Battle Rhythm: RE: On-hand, Updated:On-hand UMT PRIORITIES: Last 24: Next 24: RELIGIOUS SUPPORT ACTIVITY (Describe RS Activity, # SMs impacted if info avail.) -Nurture the Living: -Care For the Wounded: | |
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How Do We Get UMTs to the Right Place, with the Right Ministry, and in the Right Way?

Pre-Rotational TNG, Standardized UMT Touchpoints During Rotation, AARs, Take-Home Packets



How Do We Get UMTs to the Right Place, with the Right Ministry, and in the Right Way?

Data-Driven Analysis (Quantitative & Qualitative)



100% of TF UMTs arrive to JRTC with unclear UMT PACE Plans due to lack of "hands on" training. ~90% maintain comm by the end of RTN.

UMTs struggle to consistently integrate self-care & FUOPs in their BR

Running Estimates are the best predictor of timely/relevant RS

UMTs are learning how to use Analog & Digital COP

LSCO BFC TTPs vary by unit and echelon

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Data-Driven Analysis (Quantitative & Qualitative)

FORSCOM BFT Conduct CMD Post Operations



BDE CH at ACP1 After ABN JFE



BDE RANCO at MCP



BDE CH at BDE ALOC
Co-Located BSA

Where Are Your UMTs Integrated & Located?

UMTs vary in their planned locations throughout the RTN due to their respective CDRs' intent, unit TACSOP, and METT-TC. UMTs struggle to balance CUOPs-FUOPs the farther they are from MCP.



FORSCOM BFT Integrate RSP (Unit, Area, & Denominational) with Higher/Adjacent Units



BDE CH Briefs RSP at SUS RXL



Map RS RXL Briefing BSB CMD TM



Terrain Model Kit RS RXL Briefing
DIV CH

UMTs that participate in the CAR/SUS RXL, lead RS Synchs, and facilitate at least one RS RXL exhibit more effective and integrated RSPs in the initial phases of Force-On-Force due to bottom-up refinement and shared understanding across the TF. UMTs struggle to formally publish their RSPs in FRAGOs during follow-on missions.

FORSCOM BFT Plan/Integrate Comprehensive RS to MASCAL



RS Triage Priorities Differ From Medical Triage



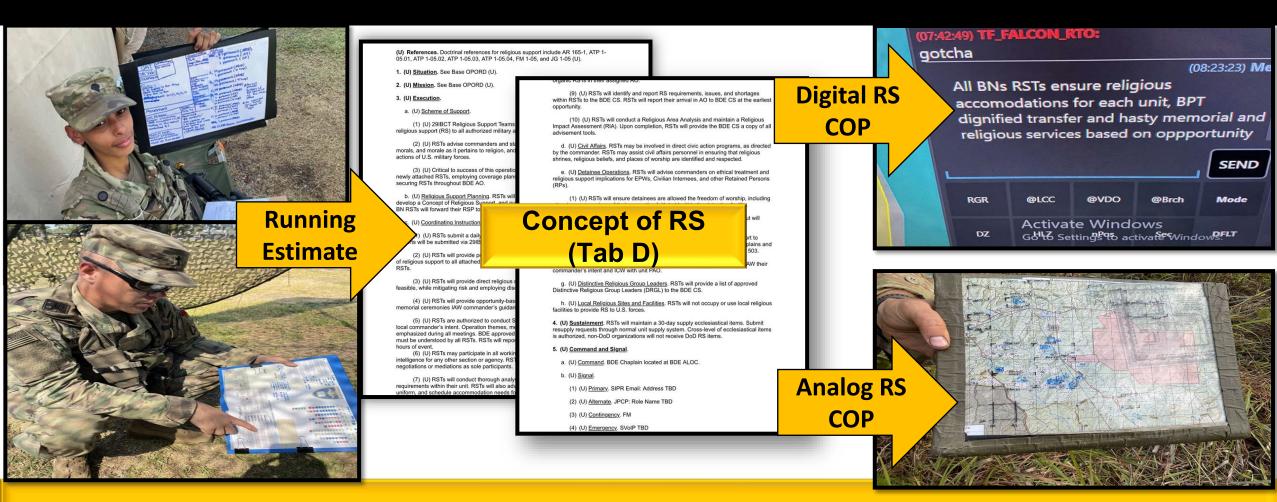
LSCO and the change from the "Golden Hour"



Self-Care & Compassion Fatigue

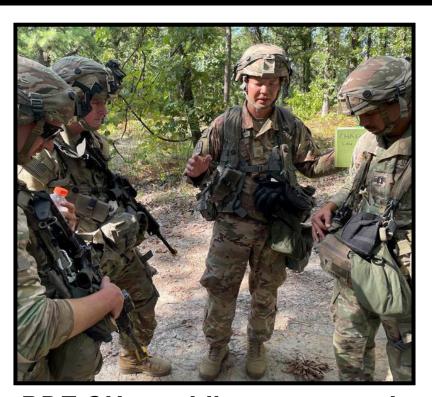
Effective UMTs understand the Concept of Medical Support and track MEDCOP at echelon throughout FoF. Medical LSCO concepts and doctrine are changing and will impact current/future UMT TTPs for RS to Casualties. Hasty Memorial/Interment TTPs are still unclear for UMTs.

FORSCOM BFT Assess/Synchronize RS Requirements LSCO/MDO



Highly effective UMTs consistently update their RE daily, update their Concept of RS by-phase ICW balancing CUOPs-FUOPs, and then over-communicate RS COP to subordinate UMTs

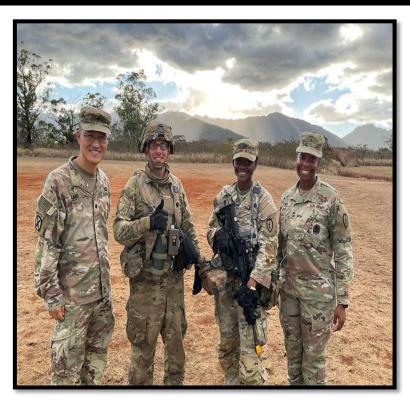
FORSCOM BFT Supervise/Support Subordinate UMTs



BDE CH providing prayer and guidance for BN UMTs



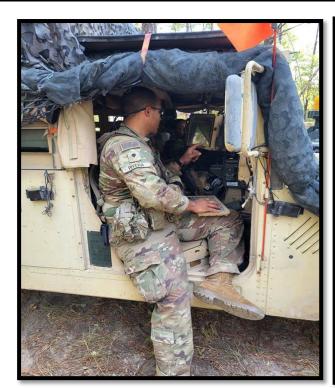
BDE RANCO assessing morale and coaching 56M



DIV CS Visits

Highly effective UMTs prioritize Battle-Field Circulation (BFC) and leverage one-on-one engagements with subordinate UMTs to assess morale of units and their UMTs. LSCO redefines the FOM for UMTs and whether CDRs are underwriting the risk for UMT BFC.

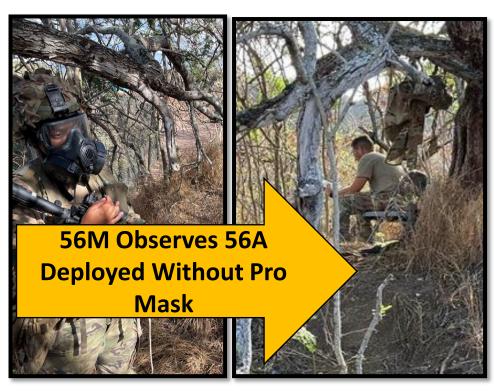
FORSCOM BFTIntegrate Force Protection



Can UMTs Shoot-Move-Communicate?



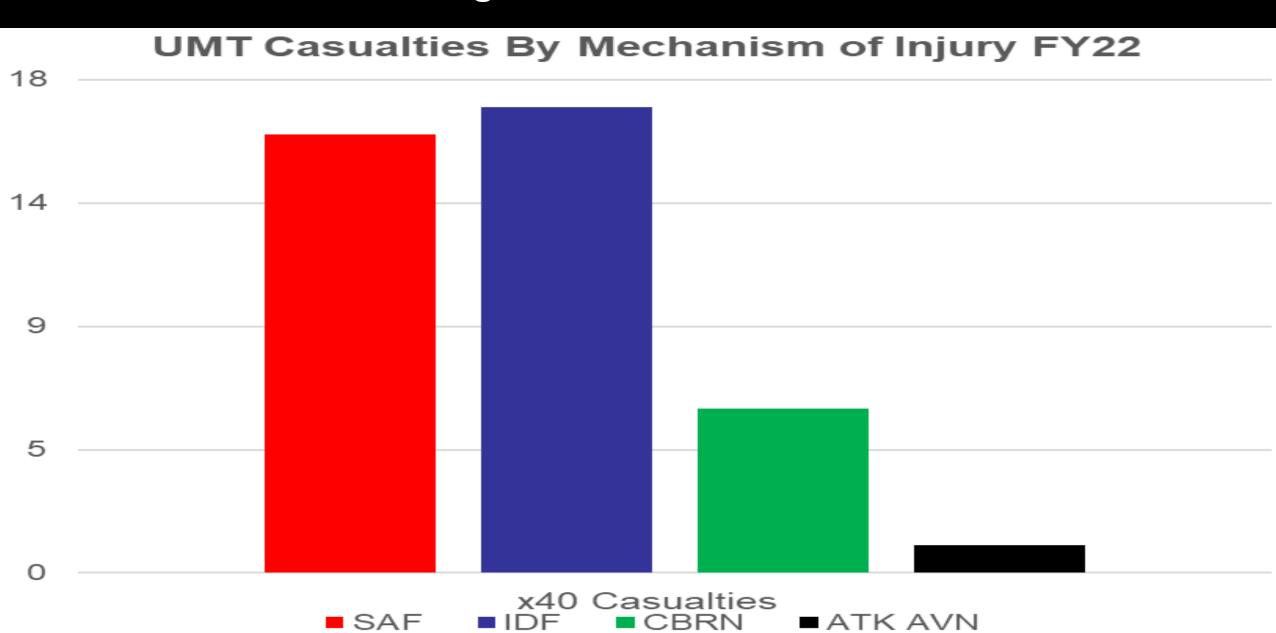
Do UMTs Integrate Into Security Postures?



Do UMTs understand METT-TC?

UMTs consistently BFC throughout the RTNs, but often struggle to have TTPs necessary to implement safe, timely, and relevant BFC. Convoys represent the highest cause of KIAs for UMTs.

FORSCOM BFT Integrate Force Protection

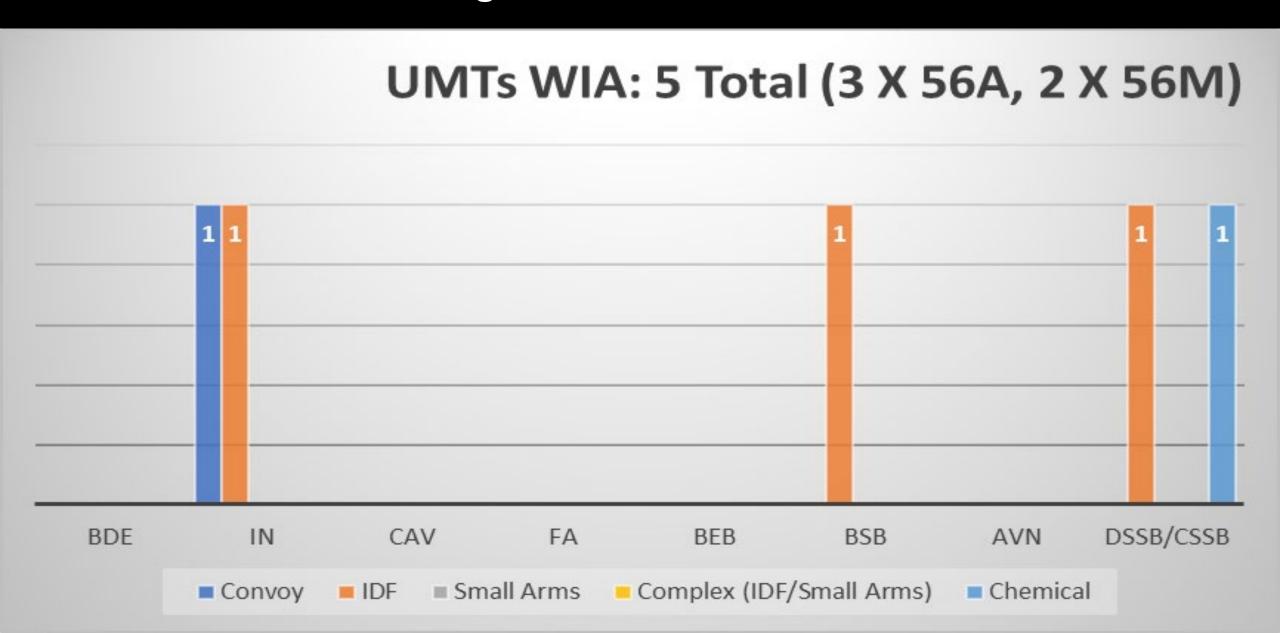


FORSCOM BFT Integrate Force Protection





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Overall TF: AVG KIA Per RTN

Overall TF: AVG WIA Per RTN

Overall TF: AVG DOW Per RTN

Overall TF: AVG DOW % Per RTN

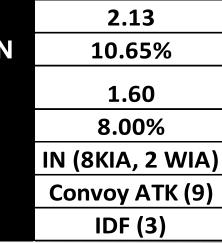
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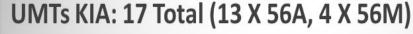
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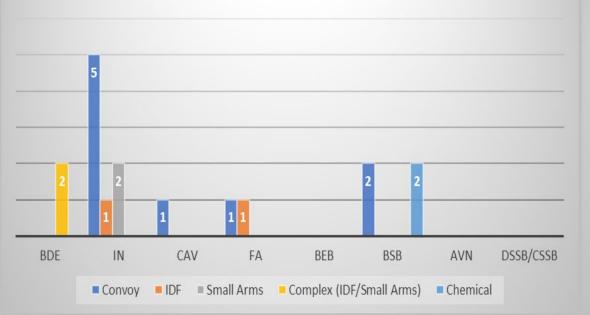
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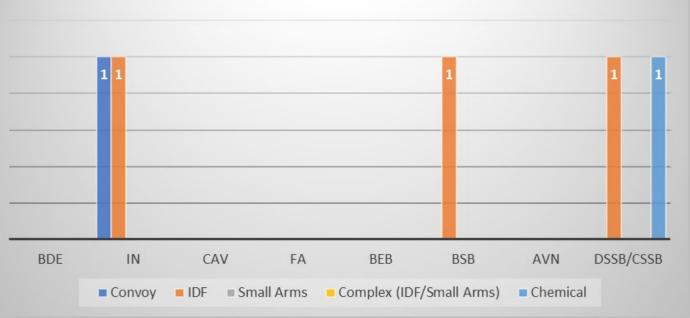
AVG UMT Members KIA Per RTN
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Highest # KIA/WIAs (Type of UMT)
Highest Cause of KIA
Highest Cause of WIA







UMTs WIA: 5 Total (3 X 56A, 2 X 56M)



FORSCOM BFT Integrate Logistics Into Sustainment Ops

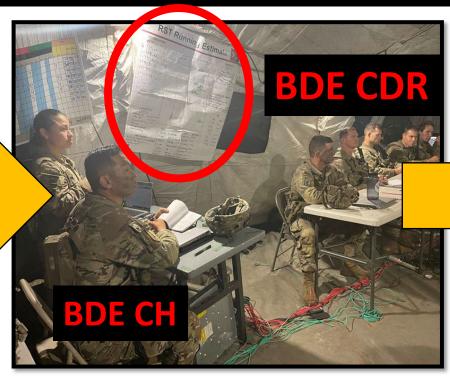


~90% of UMTs Arrive with 30+ Ecclesiastical Supplies, but over 50% struggle to have all of their MTOE (e.g., vehicle, NVG, etc.). CTCs are limited in simulating RS supplies consumption rates that necessitate resupply missions. *How Can UMTs "Stress Test" UMTs' RS Resupply Process?*

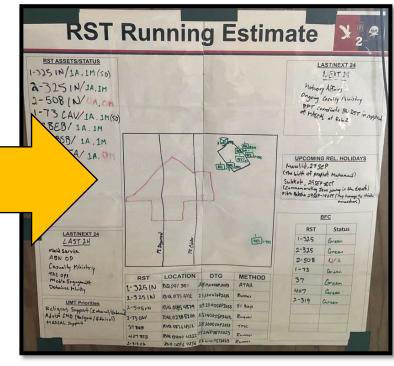
FORSCOM BFT Advise the CDR and Staff



BDE RANCO
Updates RE



BDE CH Provides Active Advisement

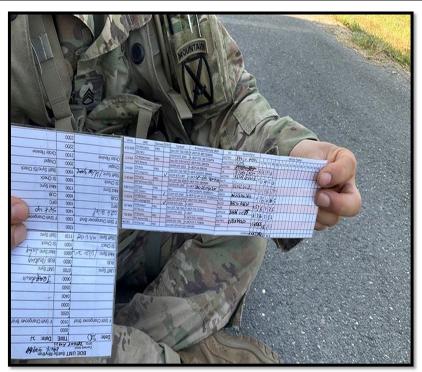


RE Provides Passive Advisement

UMTs with intentional use of Running Estimates are best postured to advise the CDR and Staff throughout the Operations Process



FORSCOM BFT Inform on Religion, Morale, & Ethical Issues



Internal Advisement:
The RS Rubik's Cube



External Advisement:

Is it Relevant to a CDR's Decision-Making?

Internal Advisement: Innovative UMTs are finding way to communicate morale to their CDRs External Advisement: 85-90% UMTs struggle with producing a relevant and timely RAA/RIA



FORSCOM BFT Train Subordinate UMTs Prior to CTC Rotation



Train UMTs on RS PURPOSE



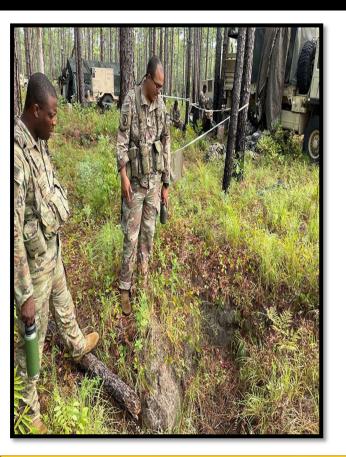
Train UMTs on RS PRODUCTS



Train UMTs on RS PROCESSES

Most UMTs struggle to leverage training opportunities at-echelon (CPXs, FTXs, CTEs, Monthly UMT Training, etc.) to validate UMTs on their RS <u>PURPOSES</u> (Why), RS <u>PRODUCTS</u> (What?), and RS <u>PROCESSES</u> (How?)

THE U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS FUTURE IS BRIGHT!









We're seeing exceptional disciplined initiative and creative UMTs finding ways to bring the Right Ministry, to the Right Place, at the Right Time, and in the Right Way!

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Training Improve/Sustain: Operations Process
Sustain: UMTs are consistently effective prior to the initial phases of FoF due to RS synchs and initial MDMP of the DIV OPORD
Improve: UMTs struggle to balance CUOPs/FUOPs after

Training Improve/Sustain: UMT PACE Plan and Validation Sustain: UMTs consistently maintain an effective PACE by the end of a given JRTC RTN Improve: UMTs consistently lack a detailed UMT PACE Plan prior to a JRTC RTN and the requisite experience on multiple communication platforms.

Recommendation:

initial phases of FoF

Go beyond MDMP and train UMTs on the Operations Process throughout the FY and as a vital part of their annual training plan

Recommendation:

UMTs should overcommunicate their echelon's PACE plan and validate their subordinate UMTs' efficacy in leveraging the appropriate platforms

Training Improve/Sustain: RS Products

Sustain: UMTs are consistently coachable on current and new RS products provided for them during PRT Improve: UMTs often have the requisite RS product during a rotation, but lack the experience on how to apply them (e.g., TACSOPs, BR, RE, COP, RS Matrix, etc.)

Training Improve/Sustain: LSCO RS TTPs

Sustain: UMTs are consistently eager to practice new LSCO RS TTPs such as hasty memorials, etc. Improves: Most UMTs lack the clarity on LSCO-related battle drills that should occur at echelon due to unclear or incomplete TACSOPs (e.g., MASCAL or RS Resupply).

Recommendation:

Provide DIV/BDE-level RS products early and often to BNs and validate BN-level RS products usage during CPXs/FTXs

Recommendation:

Provide and train subordinate UMTs on TACSOPs and LSCO-related RS battle drills

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QUESTIONS???



Break