


What does it mean to shoot degraded?

Degraded operations at the platoon and section level are perishable skills. It is imperative that unit leaders institute training programs to exercise operations in degraded mode in order to maintain proficiency.

As we continue to develop more and more sophisticated and advance methods for integrating and delivering fires on the battlefield it is important that we don't forget that systems sometimes fail or capabilities can be denied. Knowing this we must continue to prepare ourselves for the inevitably that we may be temporarily degraded, but at the same time we must continue to be able to deliver effective fires.

To be prepared to operate degraded you must train iteration in a degraded mode. Commanders must drive what and how degraded they want to train based on the conditions they expect to encounter during their deployment. Ultimately, this flexible mindset will drive us to be the ultimate Artillerists that we are.

This document is intended to spark thought on how to plan for and train to continue to maintain firing capability even when all our digital and precision capabilities are not fully functional. As a Branch we have always been known for our ability to support Maneuver regardless of the conditions. This is what we must train and prepare for degraded operations. This document outlines the many tools and doctrine available to assist commanders in developing their unit's training plans.

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