

2017 Fires Bulletin Themes

January-February: The Red Book recaps a year in review for the Fires force including Reserve and National Guard units and Marine artillery.

March-April: Branch transformation: The Fires force is evolving with new requirements, new recruits and less manpower and money to accomplish the mission. Topics to be covered: merging military occupational specialties in field artillery and air defense artillery; changes to how we engage and identify targets; updates to Integrated Air and Missile Defense Battle Command System, Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System.

May-June: The 2017 Fires Conference: Cross domain Fires: Now and in the Future. Issue will highlight the events and speakers of the 2017 Fires Conference. Topics include: guest speaker and breakout panel summaries; winners of this year's Knox, Gruber and Hamilton Awards; dedication of the 95th Reception Headquarters in honor of Gen. (retired) John Vessey; lessons learned from the Fires Force (Combat Training Center through Warfighter).

July-August: Expanding cross domain Fires: The Fires force doesn't fight from land only. The field artillery and air defense artillery are integral parts of the multi-domain battle providing cross-domain Fires. Topics to be covered: supporting Joint Combined Arms Maneuver; supporting U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. European Command; training to support new roles; leader development strategies supporting the expansion of cross domain Fires; the Army Targeting Center.

September-October: Intelligent Warfare: Drones can kill, but the information they gather can be even deadlier. Topics to be covered: leveraging the division and brigade unmanned aerial system fleet to support fires tasks; counter-UAS strategy, from concept to reality; synchronizing intelligence collection and fire support; understanding electronic warfare in the era of cross domain Fires; field artillery and air defense artillery schools training Soldiers and Marines to meet and identify the challenges.

November-December: Battle ready: The fight begins before Soldiers and Marines ever roll onto the battlefield. How is the Fires force preparing for the enemy before they lock and load? Topics to be covered: Fires doctrine update, the evolution of Fires doctrine in support of cross domain Fires; understanding the current threat environment, moving on from the counter insurgency fight; leveraging classroom and simulator training opportunities; and lessons learned from the field, battery and below.