



AMTC Operational Fires Way-Ahead

The 2018 Fires Conference hosted by FCoE presented a unique opportunity for the Director of the Army Multi-Domain Targeting Center (AMTC) COL Yi Se Gwon to brief the AMTC Operational Fires Way-Ahead. During the briefing, COL Gwon explained to the group of senior Field Artillery leaders the criticality and importance of how the Joint Targeting Process enables Commanders to access Cross-Domain capabilities in support of Multi-Domain Operations.

The briefing examined how the Army is going to provide training and certifications for operational command posts to add and edit targets in the Modernized Integrated Data Base (MIDB) used by the Department of Defense for Target Development and Joint Targeting. Army Service Component Commands (ASCCs) and Corps Headquarters will then be able to develop Brigade Combat Team and Division tactical targets to compete for joint cross-domain assets. COL Gwon explained how the AMTC is in the process of standing up the joint accredited schools to qualify Army staffs and certify target work centers. This will greatly reduce the Army's dependence on sister service targeting cells and accelerate the Army's ability to conduct lethal and non-lethal Joint Targeting in a Multi-Domain environment.

The current Joint Operational Fires and Effects Course (JOFEC) will continue to be used to train leaders and staffs on how to leverage the existing

Weaponneering, Collateral Damage Estimation (CDE) and Target Mensuration Only (TMO) Courses, while incorporating trained and certified Joint Intermediate Target Development (JITD) and Target Material Production (TMP) course graduates to execute Cross-Domain Maneuver and Fires. Recently, the AMTC received partial funding from FCoE to start developing and implementing the JITD and Target Material Production (TMP) courses, which will be Operational Fires focused. The AMTC's goal is to start these two courses in Sep '18 and Jan '19 respectively.

The Army Multi-Domain Targeting Center remains committed toward executing cross-domain, cross-warfighting function, targeting DOTMLPF-P proponent responsibilities, represent the Army at joint and multinational targeting forums, and provide the operational force with federated target development reach back capabilities. The beginning of FY19 looks exciting with the start of the pilot courses for Joint Intermediate Target Development and Target Material Production and certainly represents a new chapter in Army targeting capability to successfully conduct Joint Targeting to enable Multi-Domain Operations.

Editor's Note: Information provided by COL Yi Se Gwon

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Integration of Army National Guard Fires across the Fires Enterprise

During the recent Fires Conference, BG Russell Johnson, Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard (ARNG) for Field Artillery at the Fires Center of Excellence, briefed integration of Army National Guard Fires across the Fires Enterprise. BG Johnson began by highlighting the three primary ARNG Fires

guiding principles of concurrent fielding, total Army solution (integration), and identical structure (Modified Tables of Organization & Equipment).

Complimenting these guiding principles is the recent adoption of ARNG 4.0 – the Army National

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Guard's evolutionary response to an uncertain, changing global environment. ARNG 4.0 prioritizes the increase of combat readiness through well-equipped, well-maintained and well-trained personnel and units. Designed to strengthen the role of the ARNG within the U.S. Army, ARNG 4.0 enhances current force structure, increases enabler capacity and invests in future combat capabilities by increasing training operations tempo for select ARNG units beyond the traditional one weekend per month and two week annual training period. ARNG 4.0 drives select units to increase and maintain the highest levels of personnel and training readiness, in addition to other collective training opportunities such as Combat Training Center rotations.

BG Johnson presented the recently adopted 4-year Sustainable Readiness Model (SRM) for the eight ARNG Field Artillery Brigades and associated downtrace units, highlighting the training relationships with the eight ARNG Divisional Headquarters and select active component Divisions. This comprehensive 4-year SRM drives training prioritization, resourcing decisions, and synchronization of deployment / modernization initiatives across the Fires formations of the ARNG.

ARNG Institutional training remains a hallmark of our Fires Integration efforts across the Fires enterprise. Our eight Fires-aligned TRADOC accredited Regional Training Institutes continue to train nearly all 13 series career management field courses along with select Additional Skill Identifier courses such as the Joint Fires Observer and specialized maintainer courses.

BG Johnson concluded by explaining the growing integration of ARNG Fires into annual multinational exercises and global operational force deployments. These deployments range in scope from Battery through Field Artillery Brigade level and actively support the Army's Total Force concept.

It's an incredibly exciting time to be a Redleg in today's Army National Guard! These proud warriors are committed to contributing to the many successes enjoyed by the Field Artillery branch worldwide – and to furthering their professional development and experience base in this ever-changing environment.

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