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# Prepping the Force for the Current and Future Fights

- Training
- Education
- Pushing Education Down
- Way Ahead
- Working with the Host Nation



# Training



- COIN
- Culture
- Kinetic vs. Non-Kinetic
- Combined Arms
- Mental Prep



# Education



- Officer and EPME
- Desired Outcome
  - Critical Thinking...Decisiveness
- Reality vs. Perception

# Pushing Education Down

- Operational requirements have pushed task accomplishment and decision making down multiple levels
- “Everyone has to play up”
- Maturing and Educating the Enlisted Force

# Future

- Simulation
- Civilian Involvement
- Cultural Knowledge
- Problem Framing and Solving



# Working with the Host Nation

- Advising vs. Partnering
- Investing in Advisors
  - Advisors
    - How do we source?
    - Who do we source?
- SOF vs. Conventional Forces in TSC/Building HN Capacity
  - Phases 0-5
    - Culture/Language

# At the end of the Day

- Be kinetically competent with an irregular warfare/COIN mindset.
- Highly trained and educated at all levels
  - Operationally flexible, culturally attuned and adaptable, decisive
- A balanced force able to operate across the spectrum of conflict.



