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U.S. Civil Affairs and NATO CIMIC synchronization project

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Outline



- **Problem statement**
- **Why did CCOE initiate the US CA & NATO CIMIC synchronization project**
- **Synchronization project**
- **Way ahead**

Problem statement



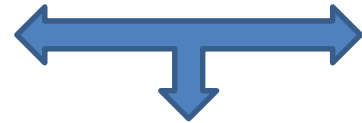
“NATO has two civil-military cooperation related capabilities, which are operating on the same domain without proper institutionalization and lack of synchronization and coordination”

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Reasoning behind the synchronization project



75 % or more



29 other NATO countries

25 % less*

Better synchronization, enhanced interoperability for mission effectiveness

Doctrine

Field manuals

Training

Exercise

Assessment

Lessons Learned

Reach Back

Information Exchange

Total: 10742 PAX*

Active: 18% 1.911 PAX
Reserve 82% 8.831 PAX

ARMY: 81%
USSOCOM: 15% full active status
USMC: 4%

Total: 2500 PAX* approximately!!!

Belonged to ARMY
Active duty dominantly

The Synchronization Project*



In 2018 CIC Branch established a framework to explore possibilities of enhancing cooperation and promote interoperability.

Project lines of efforts are follows:

1. Concept development
2. Training and Education
3. Academia

**Project is part of 2021/2022 CCOE POW*

Concept development lines of effort



2017 AJP -3.19 doctrine revision

**2019 CIMIC Handbook New Edition (CHBNE)
contribution**

**2022 study paper drafted on comparison of
US CA and NATO CIMIC**

Training and Education lines of effort



Nov2020 NATO CIMIC Familiarization Course **on-site** (NCFC) for 457th CA Battalion's conducted

2021: 2 iterations NCFC for 353rd HQ Staten Island and 457th Civil Affairs Battalion's CA **online conducted**

2022: 2 iterations **on site** NCFC for 21th TSC HQ J9, USMCCMOS conducted.



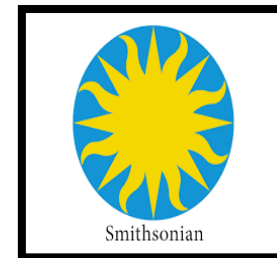
Academia lines of effort



Established cooperation with Civil Affairs Association (CAA)

Promoting US CA within NATO CIMIC Community of interest

Smithsonian institute organized AMOT training supported with CIMIC SMEs



Way Ahead in 2022 and beyond...



Study paper on comparison US CA and NATO CIMIC plans to be published in 2Q 2022.

CCOE plans to conduct NCFC on-site course 2 iterations at F.BRAGG and 21TSC HQ

CCOE plans to participate on follow up CAA events in the USA

Summary

CCOE strives for facilitating better understanding of US CA & NATO CIMIC

Focus on the similarities rather than differences

US CA & NATO CIMIC could be more effective in countering any kind of challenges if they harnessing a more synchronized, collaborative approach.



Reflections on the guiding questions I.



Just two sides of the same coin?

YES and **NO!**

same modus operandi, principals, and operational environment, but different mandate, national interest versus alliance interest

Reflections on the guiding questions II.



Current status of:

In terms of Conceptual Foundation and Doctrinal:

No cross referencing

not elaborated/

knowledge gap exists

In terms of Training & Education:

no institutionalized cooperation

no cross-training

NCFC as one-sided offer

Reflections on the guiding questions III.

How to enhance the cooperation and interoperability between NATO CIMIC and US CA?

- Cross referencing and intensified doctrinal work**
- Cross-pollination/instructor swaps on a regular basis**
- Recognized and accredited courses for both side**
- Mutual mission involvement**
- Lessons learned sharing**
- Co-writing on relevant topics and reflecting latest development**
- Permanent US CA representation in the CCOE**





***We have to know each other
before we need each other!!!***

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