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Director's Message

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Hello to the Army Reconnaissance and Long Range Surveillance Communities! I am the new Team Chief of the TRADOC Capabilities Manager-Reconnaissance team. I look forward to working with you all.

TCM-Recon remains fully engaged with development of the Organizational and Operational (O&O) Concept and R&S Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA).

The O&Os will be a four volume set; Vol. 1 – Cavalry Squadron, Vol. 2 – Cavalry Troop, Vol. 3 – Standard Scout Platoon, and Vol. 4 – Cavalry Squadron Headquarters and Headquarters Troop. Each with a base document providing the basic principles and a summary of the organizational design and operational employment of each echelon. Each O&O is supplemented with an O&O Concept Reference Document which provides detailed information on the organization design and operational employment of each echelon to support analysis, experimentation, and doctrine and training development. Volume 1 – the Cavalry Squadron is on track to be completed in December with the remaining three volumes completed in the January-February timeframe.

TCM-Recon's efforts in support of the Reconnaissance Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA) continue as we are finalizing the Functional Solutions Analysis (FSA) in December and forwarding for ARCIC Director's approval. Once approved, we'll post the entire CBA on the Reconnaissance Knowledge Network (RKN) site on MilSuite. The FSA is part of an Army and DoD process that provides recommended DOTMLPF solutions to the gaps, challenges or deficiencies identified in the Functional Needs Analysis (FNA) in our formations.

As we approach Christmas and New Year's, let me wish you all a very safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. This is a wonderful time of the year as several of us get to enjoy the time with families and friends. But we should never forget, this is a very stressful time for those Soldiers and Families that are separated as the mission never ends.

As always, TCM ABCT/Recon is here to serve you. Do not hesitate to contact me or my team for assistance.

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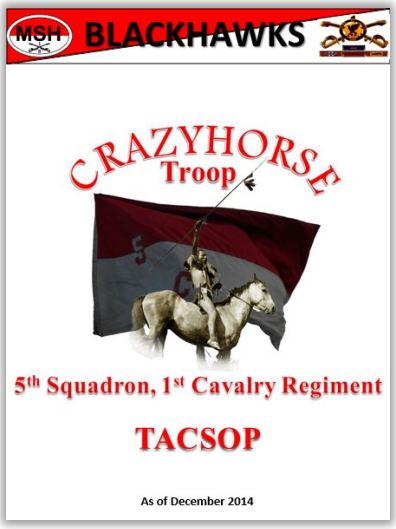
TACSOP repository

In October, CPT Jeb Graydon shared with Maneuver Net the TACSOP from C Troop, 5-1 Cav, 1/25 SBCT.

TCM-Recon is looking for similar products to share from any ABCT, IBCT, SBCT, CAB Scout Platoon or Long Range Surveillance Company to include in the TACSOP Repository on the Reconnaissance Knowledge Network.

If there's a product not in our database that you'd like to see an example of, please feel free to post a discussion on the Reconnaissance Knowledge Network to see if someone else in the Force can assist in your query.

If you have difficulty accessing any of the above links, or would like additional information about posting to the RKN, please contact the site administrator at derek.p.larson.ctr@mail.mil.



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MCoE Supplemental Manual 3-90 (Oct 2015)

The MCoE Supplemental Manuals produced by Organizational Development Branch, Concepts Development Division, CDID, provide an overview of the Infantry, Armored and Stryker Brigade Combat Teams.

Please direct any comments and recommended changes to these publications to the point of contacts identified in the preface of these publications.

Click on any the following to download a copy of the latest ABCT, IBCT or SBCT SM 3-90 (RKN membership required to access):

- MCOE SM 3-90 ABCT Force Structure Reference Data, October 2015
- MCOE SM 3-90 IBCT Force Structure Reference Data, October 2015
- MCOE SM 3-90 SBCT Force Structure Reference Data, October 2015

Improved Ghillie System

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The Soldier System Branch, Maneuver Center of Excellence, is working with Program Manager-Soldier Clothing & Individual Equipment (PM SCIE), Natick Soldier Research, Development & Engineering Center (NSRDEC) and the Army Capabilities Integration Center (ARCIC) to develop the Improved Ghillie System (IGS) to replace the Flame-Resistant (FR) Ghillie Suit, which no longer fits the Soldier desired requirement.

The IGS will provide improved counter-surveillance protection, comfort, improved protection from flame and thermal threats, increased mobility and agility, modularity and scalability, and increased integration properties for Soldiers. The base chassis recommended for wear with the IGS is the FR Army Combat Shirt (ACS) and the FR Army Combat Pant (ACP) which will provide an FR layer beneath the IGS. The ACS and ACP are not provided with this requirement.

Editor's note: There's a photo of the IGS on page 3.

Poll: Should 19Ds be issued the Improved Ghillie System? (click to vote and provide comments)

SSG Christopher Rogers, Project NCO, Soldier System Branch, Maneuver Center of Excellence, provides members of TCM-Recon with a demonstration of the Improved Ghillie System (IGS) on Fort Benning on 18 Nov 2015.

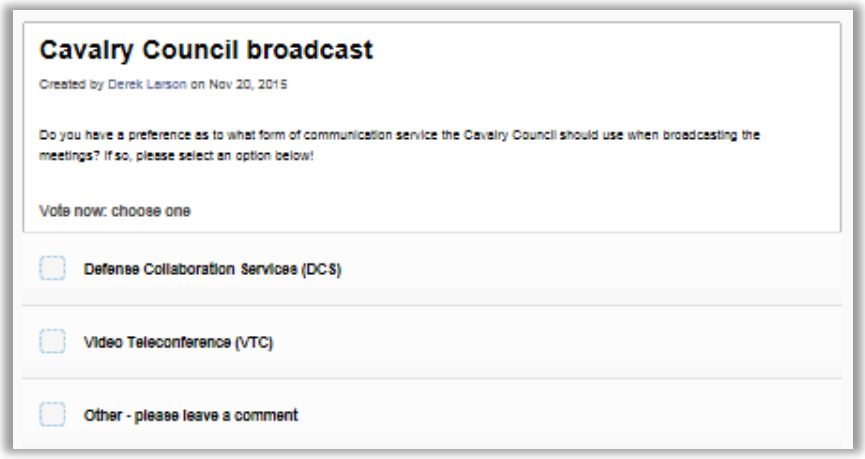
Cavalry Council, 4 November 2015

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The 1st quarter, FY16 Cavalry Council, held on 4 November 2015, was the fourth meeting between the leaders of 3-16 Cavalry Squadron, 316 Cavalry Brigade, Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) leaders and R&S leaders from the Combat Training Centers (CTCs) and the force. The Cavalry Council was facilitated by the 3-16 Cavalry Squadron. This meeting saw great participation from leaders across the installation and CTCs (see listed participants below). The council focused discussion on MCoE's R&S-Lethality Linkage initiative, updates from TCM-Recon and Cavalry Doctrine Branch, and discussions with leaders from NTC and JMRC Operations Group. The meeting provided a great venue to discuss topics of interest to the R&S community. The intent moving forward is to better leverage the venue to shape R&S initiatives, efforts, or POI here at MCoE based upon feedback and lessons learned and in-turn, shape areas of assessment and focus at the CTCs to support MCoE.

To download a copy of the Cav Council EXSUM click HERE.

To download a copy of the slides click HERE.

Editor's note: The 4 November Cavalry Council was broadcast over Defense Collaboration Services (DCS), with limited online participation. To increase the attendance for the next Cavalry Council (date TBD), a poll has been posted on the Reconnaissance Knowledge Network to determine what form of communication should be used for the next meeting. Click the image below to cast a vote!



Other newsletters and documents of interest

Click on the item to download one of the following documents:

- Stryker WfF Bulletin (16 Nov)
- Infantry WfF Newsletter (Oct)

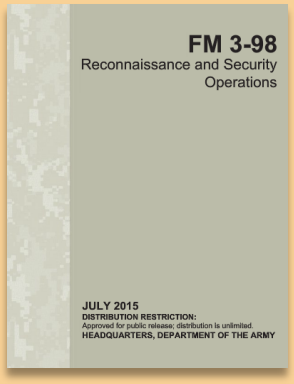
TCM-Recon Forum Links

- Reconnaissance Knowledge Network
- TCM-ABCT
- AWfF
- IWfF
- Stryker Net
- NTC Cobra Team

RKN & TCM-Recon events

- CAV Council, TBD

FM 3-98 (July 2015)



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