

Army Training Transformation: How and Why?

The Global War on Terrorism has resulted in the need for weapons systems with greater capability and longer range, and units that can be rapidly deployed and maneuver over great distances to achieve their objectives. Therefore, the Army is transforming, creating modular forces, and creating future combat systems.

Army Transformation

Transformation is a process that shapes the changing nature of military competition and cooperation through new combinations of concepts, capabilities, people, and organizations. These combinations exploit the Nation's advantages and protect against asymmetric vulnerabilities to sustain strategic position. This helps underpin peace and stability in the world.

<http://www.army.mil/2003TransformationRoadmap/>

Modular Forces

The Army is responding to a changing world by creating more flexible and rapidly deployable Modular Forces. These increasingly capable, adaptive, networked, full-spectrum formations allow the Army to be more relevant and ready than ever before. They provide greater stability for Soldiers and their families, improving the quality of Army service.

Modularization allows for a rebalance of the force mix to execute joint and expeditionary campaigns that protect our freedoms, deter our adversaries, and if required, defeat our enemies.

Future Combat Systems

The Future Combat Systems (FCS) is the core of the Army's efforts to ensure that the Army, as a member of the Joint team, will move, shoot and communicate better than ever before and better than any opponent it will face in the 21st century - any time, under any circumstances, anywhere that the Nation needs us.

FCS is about the 21st Century Soldier. Lessons learned in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism have shown that a joint, combined arms, network centric force has the ability to both rapidly defeat an enemy in battle and act as a key element in follow-on peacekeeping efforts. The Army is using these lessons to fundamentally transform into a faster, more agile force with superior situational awareness and power projection capability.

<http://www.army.mil/fcs/index.html>