CAA Current Operations Support to OIF/OEF

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CAA Current Operations Missions

- Deploy analysts in support of ongoing operations.
  - Rotate analysts at strategic/operational HQ.
  - Deploy additional teams as required.

- Conduct reachback analysis.
  - Coordinate reachback support across community as required.
  - Provide analytical support on demand to OEF/OND.
  - Provide analytical support to COCOMs / ASCCs and other organizations as resources permit.

- Develop/refine Irregular Warfare (IW) analytical capability.
  - Develop analysis products/concepts supporting the Institutional Army (long term).
  - Spin out capabilities as developed to support Reachback (short term).
  - Enable strategic analysis through development and consolidation of data.
    - Define / collect / clean / distribute required data.
  - Coordinate and Integrate with the larger ORSA community.

- Support the OR community (Military and civilian, Joint, International) through institutional development.
  - Education: Operational ORSA Course.
  - Materiel: DAST Toolkit program.
  - Doctrine: Update handbooks and participate in doctrine development efforts.
  - History: Maintain historical perspective on role of agency in ongoing operations.
Battle Rhythm
- Weekly activity reports
- Biweekly coordination meeting
- Regular Secure VTCs
- Reachback as required

Selected Subjects
- Assessments
- Force Generation
- Force Requirements
- Database Reconciliation
- Geospatial Support
- Risk Analysis
- Wargaming

Enduring CAA Support – 74 Deployments, 13 Supported Commands, 33 man-years
Selected Reachback Projects
(2009-2010)

- Assessments
  - Geospatial support to 25th ID (2009)
- Size, Composition, Risk
  - OIF size and force structure (2009)
  - CF drawdown analysis (2009)
- Database support
  - Media analysis (2009)
  - Geospatial support to USF-I (2010)

- Assessments
  - National level (CENTCOM CIG) (2010)
  - District level (CENTCOM J-2 COE / IJC) (2010)
  - Provincial level (ISAF AAG) (2010)
  - CSTC-A assessments (Summer 2009)
  - Freedom of movement (2010)
- Size, Composition, Risk
  - ANSF generation simulation model (current)
  - Force level analysis (CF and ANSF) (2009-10)
  - Quality analysis (2010)
  - Likelihood of success (2010)
  - Transition analysis (2010)
  - QRF Battalion Composition

- Database Support
  - Consolidation of polling data (2010)

CF: Coalition Force
USFI: United States Forces - Iraq
CIG: Commander’s Initiative Group
COE: Center of Excellence
ISAF: International Security Assistance Force
AAG: Afghanistan Assessments Group
IJC: ISAF Joint Command
CSTC-A: Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan
ANSF: Afghanistan National Security Force
IW Development

- **Tools / Models / Techniques**
  - **Mathematical Modeling**
    - Irregular Warfare – Quantitative Analysis of Historical Database (binary logistics regression)
    - Force Level Analysis of Counter-insurgency (multi-variate regression)
    - Modeling the Effects of Essential Services, Security, Economics, and Employment (binary logistics regression)
  - **Simulation**
    - Coalition Force Drawdown Analysis (Monte Carlo simulation)
    - Afghanistan National Security Force Growth and Retention Analysis (discrete event simulation)
  - **Case Studies**
  - **Wargaming**
- **Database Development**
  - CAA IW Database
  - Afghanistan Consolidated Knowledge System

CAA has developed and used a wide range of analytical tools / models / techniques to address issues facing senior commanders in OEF and OIF.
Data Source Development (1 of 2)

CAA IW Database

- Historical database of 102 Irregular Wars
- Per conflict, 46 fields providing annual data on:
  - Country data
  - Forces involved
  - Outcome
- Used to:
  - Determine significant variables affecting outcome of Irregular Wars
  - Conducting predictive analysis on current/future conflicts
  - Identify past Irregular Wars for focused case studies

Applications:

- Review of Security Forces Growth (RSFG); Center for Army Analysis, POC: Stuart Wilkes
- Force Sizing for Stability Operations; Institute for Defense Analyses, POC: Royce Kneecce
- Force Level Analysis for Counterinsurgency (FLAC); Center for Army Analysis, POC: Steven Goode
- IW – Quantitative Analysis of Historical Database; Center for Army Analysis, POC: Justine Blaho
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Afghanistan Consolidated Knowledge System

- Consolidation of available data needed for strategic analysis
  - Perception data
    - Polling (35 waves / 7 surveys ... and growing)
  - ANSF data
    - Locations, strength, CM ratings...
  - CF data
    - Location, strength
  - Afghanistan data
    - Population, ethnicity...

- Interface being developed to filter data to specified location, timeframe, issues

- Located on AKO-S
  - Intent to move to JDS

- Used to:
  - Inform assessments
  - Develop IW models

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Mathematical Modeling (1 of 2)

Force Level Analysis for Counterinsurgency (FLAC)

- What model does:
  - Determines threshold force required to stop violence from increasing.
  - Determines when violence stops increasing (given a force size over time).

- Background: developed from 23 historical insurgencies since 1945. (Includes Malaya, Algeria, Kenya, Columbia, Sri Lanka, Contras, Shining Path...).

- Multi-variate regression.

- Independent variables: security force strength, population, annual security force KIAs.

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IW – Quantitative Analysis of Historical DB (IW-QAHD)

- What model does: Calculates likelihood of COIN force success based on historical COIN Operations.

- Background: developed from 74 historical irregular wars (58 COIN Operations) since 1945.

- Binary logistic regression.

- Independent variables: number of insurgent factions, insurgents cause and strength of conviction, development state of intervening forces, peak COIN force to peak insurgent ratio.

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Mathematical Modeling (2 of 2)

Modeling the Effects of Essential Services, Security, Economics, and Employment (MEESSEE)

- What model does: Identification of significant factors influencing peoples support of government.
- Binary logistic regression.
- Data utilized is polling data from OIF and OEF.
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Simulation

Coalition Force Transition Analysis (CFT)
- What model does: Estimates continuing force requirements and violence over time once ‘threshold’ force achieved.
- Background:
  - FLAC develops estimates of threshold force necessary to stop violence; but does not address what happens next.
  - Simulation draws on distributions of population changes over time, violence (KIAs) that occurs, and resultant force level requirement.
- Monte Carlo simulation.
- Validated against Iraq data (violence, force levels)
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ANSF Growth and Retention Analysis Model (AGRAM)
- What model does:
  - Determines flow of Afghan National Army (ANA) forces through the training base and the impact of training system changes.
  - Forecasts future end strength.
- ProModel discrete event simulation.
- Background:
  - Developed to analyze ability to generate indigenous force strength required for the ANA.
  - Developed by team which deployed to Afghanistan and conducted interviews and site visits at training facilities, and from historical data on the ANA.
- Undergoing validation against historical growth of ANSF.
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Case Study: Review of Security Force Growth (RFSG)

- What report does: Identification of lessons learned in earlier irregular wars on the growth of forces; identification of initial indicators for assessments.
- White paper distributed to sponsors in Afghanistan.
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Wargames

- What wargaming does:
  - Ability to address key security issues of a counter-insurgency, as well as those political, diplomatic and economic factors that impact security.
  - Identification of force size and capability requirements.
  - Identification and/or assessment of risk.
- Multi-player Counterinsurgency Wargame:
  - Context/situation specific.
  - Theater, Provincial, and Brigade level resolution.
  - Quarterly (1 turn = 3 months), 24-36 months timeline.
  - Blue / green / red / white / black players - number and role dependent upon situation.
- CAA has used variations of its COIN wargame 10 times to inform analysis in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Republic of Korea, and AFRICOM.
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CAA Role in Institutionalizing Current Operations Support

- **Doctrine**
  - Commander’s & Deployed Analyst Handbooks
  - CAA History of ORSA support to OIF and OEF
- **Organization** – Army ORSA Reachback Central
- **Training**
  - Pre-deployment analyst training course (2 x yr) (O-Course)
  - Site visits to CAA for analysts preparing to deploy
- **Materiel** – high-end software/hardware packages to deploying analysts
- **Leadership and Education**
  - AORS, MORS, International Symposia, and schools
  - Educational opportunities for deploying analysts
- **Personnel**
  - 6-month rotations at major theater headquarters
- **International** – share doctrine, training, and leadership/education opportunities with international partners (AUS, CAN, FR, GE, UK)

**ORSAs, military and civilian, Joint, and international, are improving capability to support the warfighter**
Summary

CAA has played an integral role as ORSA analysts make significant contributions to ongoing operations in both deployed positions and in reachback.

IW analysis capability is being developed to support both the warfighter and the institutional Army.