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COMBINED SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN KOREA
Purpose

To provide an overview of combined ROK/US special operations in Korea
Topics

- Threat Overview
- SOCKOR / CUWTF Overview
- Combined Special Operations
The Threat

A Willingness To Fight & Die
nK Objectives

- Survival of the Regime
- Unify the Peninsula
nK Objectives

- Survival of the Regime
- Unify the Peninsula
- International Recognition
nK Capability, Proximity and Mass
nK Asymmetric Capabilities

- Special Operations Forces
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Theater Ballistic Missiles
- Terrorism
WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

➢ FIRST EVER N-S SUMMIT BETWEEN N-S LEADERS
➢ FIRST EVER N-S DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING
➢ RENEWED FAMILY REUNIONS - 1984
➢ RENEWED MINISTERS’ MEETING
  ➢ 1972, 1992, 2000
➢ NEW N-S TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR THROUGH DMZ
  ➢ MINE-CLEARING

➢ FIRST EVER TALKS BETWEEN US SEC STATE & NORTH KOREA’S LEADER
Nested Command Structures
CFC and CUWTF
Combined Organization
CUWTF Mission

- On order, CUWTF supports CINCUNC/CFC in a phased defense of the ROK.
- Upon conclusion of hostilities, CUWTF forces will assist the restructuring plans of the ROK and US NCMAs.
ROK SOF to CUWTF
US SOF to CUWTF

- Ranger TF
- NBSCU
- SEDK
- SOG
- BN SOAR
- SOG (BN)
# Parallel Staff Structure

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SECRET ROKUS EMPLOYMENT

DEEP
Create 2d Front
Disrupt reinforcing / retreating KPA

"CLOSE"
Support Field Armies (SR/DA)

KEY MISSIONS
Support CLF/CMEF
Deny sanctuary to KPA
SR/DA/TGO
UW Ops
PR

REAR
Support Counter-SOF

MYELGONG
PYEONGYANG
WONSAN
KUNSAN
CHONGJU
KWANGJU

KYONGBOKKU
SEOUL
Combined SOF Key Tasks

- SR/DA/TGO against targets of strategic and operational significance
- SOF LNOs at UNC/CFC Components, Field Armies, and ROK SF Brigades
- Unconventional Warfare focusing on separating the population from the regime
- Personnel Recovery
- Training, advising, assisting ROK forces in Rear Area Defense
Key US SOF Tasks

- As US Element of CUWTF, plan and conduct joint/combined SO in CINCUNC/CFC AOR
- As UNC SOF HQ, integrate Third Country SOF into theater organizations
- As SOCKOR, establish US JTF for COMUSKOREA
SOCKOR Mission

- SOCKOR plans and conducts Special Operations, which include Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs, and selected collateral activities, in support of COMUSKOR / CINCUNIC in armistice and crisis.

- On order, SOCKOR combines with ROK SOF to establish the CUWTF and conducts operations ISO CINCUNIC/CFC
Special Forces Detachment Korea (SFD-K)

- **Mission:** SFD-K enhances ROK/US interoperability by providing liaison between US SOF and ROK SF during armistice, crisis, and war.

- **Key Tasks:**
  - **Armistice:**
    - Advise and assist ROKA SF Brigades Interoperability
    - Coordinate US air support during armistice Contingency / war:
    - Provide liaison: ROK SF, CJSOAC, UNC/CFC
    - Deconflict special operations
The Future
Challenges of a failed north Korea - Collapse or Post Hostilities

- Political - social - economic breakdown
- Violence and lawlessness
- Atrocities
- Refugees
- Humanitarian suffering
- Civil war & chaos
- Disposition of WMD/UXO
Emerging ROK SOF Vision

- SOF will play a significant role in stabilizing and restoring north Korea following hostilities or a regime collapse
- SOF is key to influencing the critical population factors
- SOF must focus on the “human terrain”
- SOF can help ensure internal stability

Maintain Future ROK SOF relevance
• This is a niche for Combined SOF in Korea
  • Uncertainty is complicated by the human element
  • Uncertainty
  • ROK/US forces must educate for this
  • ROK/US forces will look like what post-hostilities or collapse will be
  • It is uncertain what post-hostilities or collapse will be
  • It is uncertain that some conflict will occur
  • War and Collapse
  • Two threats on the Korean Peninsula

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For an uncertain future

Prepare Now
Conclusion

- North Korean situation is uncertain and complex
  - War on the peninsula will be characterized by unparalleled suffering
  - Collapse will be hard to distinguish from war
- Combined SOF will be a major player in any scenario
- SOCKOR integrates US SOF to contribute to Combined SOF’s success
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND KOREA
(SOCKOR)

QUESTIONS