



2015 Civil Affairs Symposium

"Civil Affairs: A Force for Engagement and Conflict Prevention"

The Civil Affairs Association

In coordination with the

***National Defense University Center for Complex Operations
U.S. Army Peacekeeping & Stability Operations Institute
Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations at West Point
Foreign Area Officer Association
Reserve Officers Association
and the
U.S. Global Leadership Coalition***

Friday, November 20th 2015

Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston Mission Training Complex
2104 N. New Braunfels Ave., Bldg. #4015
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

Civil Affairs has long been a major national strategic capability that helps transition from war to peace and from military to civilian lead and control after major conflict. Increasingly, CA is being required to engage partners in Phase 0 (Shape and Influence), to contribute to conflict analysis, including identifying sources of illicit power as well as the distribution and use of political and informal power, in order to mitigate the drivers of instability and not just threats. In conjunction with Military Information Support and Information Operations as well as Foreign Area Officers, it is the only part of the Joint Force specifically suited for Peace & Stability Operations under Joint Stability Operations Doctrine and the U.S. Army Functional Concept for Engagement. All this brings up two questions: One, how as such does or should CA contribute to conflict prevention, in coordination with MISO/IO and FAOs as well as an array of government, non-government, and private sector civilian partners and regional and multilateral organizations? Two, what CA capabilities are required to support engagement in these ways? In addition to speakers and panel discussions bringing forward key lessons from past operations, Civil Affairs Issue Papers with observations and recommendations on the future Civil Affairs force will be presented for publication after the Symposium.

Agenda

- 8:00 Registration / coffee, tea & refreshments
- 8:30 Opening remarks: Joe Kirlin, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (ret.), President, Civil Affairs Association
- 8:40 Symposium and Issue Papers Overview:
- Colonel John C. Church, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Director Civil Military Integration Team, Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps, Assistant Professor, Immaculata University; and
 - Christopher Holshek, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (ret.), Senior Fellow, Alliance for Peacebuilding

9:00 Keynote Speaker: “The Army Concept for Engagement and the Role of Civil Affairs,” Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center and Deputy Commanding General, Futures, US Army Training and Doctrine Command

10:00 Break

10:30 Panel Discussion: Civil Affairs in Engagement and Conflict Prevention – Current Civil-Military Force Activities and Recommendations on the Way Ahead

Moderator: Jim Ruf, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (ret.), Senior Program Officer for Civil-Military Affairs, United States Institute of Peace

- Major General Daniel Ammerman, Commander, U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne)
- Colonel Leonard J. DeFrancisci, Deputy Commander, Force Headquarters Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve
- Colonel Daniel A. Pinnell, Director, U.S. Army Peacekeeping & Stability Operations Institute
- Colonel Scot N. Storey, Commander, 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne)
- Dr. Rosemary Speers, Principal Research Scientist, Center for Naval Analyses

12:30 Catered lunch served in-place

13:00 Luncheon Speaker – “Civil Affairs in the ‘New Normal,’” Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs Anne A. Witkowsky

14:00 Brief Presentations by Partners and Sponsors

14:30 Civil Affairs Issue Paper Presentations

Moderator: Bruce B. Bingham, Brigadier General, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (ret.), Issue Paper Committee Chairman

- Paper # 1 – Presenter
- Paper # 2 – Presenter
- Paper # 3 – Presenter

15:30 Break – Vote Tally on Issue Papers and Networking Session

16:15 Presentation of Issue Paper Awards

DASD for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs Anne A. Witkowsky

16:30 Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Joe Kirlin, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (ret.), President, Civil Affairs Association

18:30 No-Host Cocktail Hour and Association Banquet Dinner (19:30) at the Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Featured Speaker: TBD

For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.civilaffairsassoc.org/>