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(Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Ret), ARMY Strategist)

The Army strategist has responsibilities that pertain to the development and integration of plans and policies at the national and theater strategic levels.

Strategists, perform four unique and precise functions within the Army. 1) Strategic Appraisal, 2) Strategic and Operational Planning, 3) JIIM Integration (interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational integrations 4) Education as it applies to strategies

Strategic Assignments:

United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) Area of Responsibility Latin America – HQ Miami, Florida

- ◆ **Campaign Plan Branch Chief**
- ❖ Lead Campaign Plan effort to operationalize the Combatant Commander's strategy
- ❖ Provide guidance to all SOUTHCOM supporting Commands
- ❖ Coordinate with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Joint Staff, and Service Components
- ❖ Lead Joint Planning Groups in the development of a Theater Campaign Plan (TCP) that features Intermediate Military Objectives and supports the National Security Strategy
- ❖ Provide analysis and recommendations to the Commander
- ❖ Update the Campaign Plan to reflect changes in the area of responsibility political-military landscape
- ❖ Coordinate with Military Attaches at US Embassies in the Area of responsibility

Combined/Joint Strategic Plans (C5), Combined Forces Command (CFC)- Korea

- ◆ **Strategic planner**
- ❖ Responsible for collaborating all planning development functions with US Joint Staff, US Pacific Command, United States Forces Korea, and the Republic of Korea (ROK) Joint Chiefs of Staff
- ❖ Collaborate internally with five Korean Strategic Planners in the development of combined plans and orders in support of ROK-US Alliance
- ❖ Develop and shape inputs for strategic and operational documents
- ❖ Lead Joint and combined operational planning teams to develop theater operational design and architecture providing the CFC Commander estimates, analysis and recommendations with regard to mission requirements

Army G3 Operations, Strategy, Plans and Policy (SSP) Directorate, (Pentagon) Washington D.C.

- ◆ **War planner and strategist – Middle East and South America**
- ❖ Plan, prepare and coordinate strategy, plans, and policy related to the Middle East (USCENTCOM) and South America (USSOUTHCOM) Areas of Responsibility, to include combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan
- ❖ Serve as the Army Staff lead for reviewing war plans for all operations in Southwest Asia (SWA) and LATAM

- ❖ Strategic Planning Lead for SWA and LATAM future studies, regional contingencies, and US-Middle East military to military operations
- ❖ Develop a framework for strategic assessments
- ❖ Coordinate Army position and recommendations supporting the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Vice Chief and the Army Operations Director

US Central Command (USCENTCOM) - Area of Responsibility – Middle East, HQ MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida

- ◆ Joint/Combined Exercise Planner for Central and South Asia States (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkistan)
- ❖ Plan, Coordinate, Design and Budget all exercise activities
- ❖ Develop exercise objectives in support of the Commanders strategy
- ❖ Evaluate the objectives
- ❖ Coordinate and integrate into the exercise other government agencies, non-government agencies and private sector

9th Theater Support Command (Area of Responsibility – Pacific Theater)

- ◆ **Strategic and Operational Planner**
- ❖ Advise and provide information to the commander in areas of operations and planning execution
- ❖ Planning of future operations
- ❖ Review present, future and possible contingency operations and deployments
- ❖ Study, review and recommend objectives in support of the Pacific Commands strategy
- ❖ Prepare and execute exercises and operations (Cobra Gold (Thailand), Balikatan (Philippines))

Served in the following Tactical Units:

- **7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**
- **1st Battalion/504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (82nd Airborne Division)**
- **3rd Battalion/504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (82nd Airborne Division)**
- **313th Military Intelligence Battalion (82nd Airborne Division)**
- **319th Military Intelligence Battalion (Exploitation) 525 MI Brigade**

➤ **Participation in combat deployments or in support of combat operations and contingencies:**

Operation Just Cause (Panama)

Gulf War (Iraq)

Global War on Terrorism – Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) – Afghanistan

Arabia Saudita – OEF/OIF

Qatar – OIF/OEF

➤ **Humanitarian Operations and Multi-National Exercises:**

BALIKATAN – Philippines

Cobra Gold – Thailand

Regional Cooperation- Central and South East Asia

PANAMAX – Panamá

Key Resolve – South Korea

- **Deployments to Latin America in support of the SOUTHCOM Theater Campaign Plan, and to reinforce US commitment to the region and partnership with its allies. These deployments are fashioned to add capacity and capabilities to US partners in the region. Deployments consist of activities such as; multi-national exercises, conferences, seminars, Mobile Training Teams to add capabilities to our partners such as Maintenance, Maritime Interdiction, Communications and others, Humanitarian Operations and other activities as requested by each country. I have personally conducted activities in the following countries:**

Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Panama, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Brasil.

Advanced Studies:

Aurora University, Aurora Illinois USA – Bachelors of Art – Political Science

Wheaton College – Reserve Officer Training Corps – Graduation 2nd Lieutenant

Army Strategic Arts Program – Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

Command and Staff Course– Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Fort Benning, Georgia

Advanced Captains Course – Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Collection Managers Course – Washington DC

Languages:

Spanish

English

Portuguese