

From the Commanding General



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The United States Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, trains a fighting force that is ready and able to win decisively in meeting the challenging needs of today's current operating environment. The Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN) focus is on ensuring that we have equipped our forces and developed our leaders to assure the mobility and protection of the forces they support. In anticipating continued, dynamic change, MANSCEN dedicates considerable effort to identifying and developing the capability requirements needed to mitigate a host of future threats.

Welcome to the first issue of the *Maneuver Support Magazine*, a bi-annual publication that provides a forum for exchanging information and ideas within the maneuver support community and among our many "stakeholders." The magazine will keep you informed on the latest maneuver support training and capabilities available today. It will reflect the evolving world of training, support to our warfighters, and transformation, which will ultimately make our Army's maneuver support capabilities world-class. Integrating our multifunctional capabilities, and executing modularity with coordination and precision, support the maneuver commander's freedom of action across the continuum of operations for the current and future operating environment. By presenting professional development opportunities in this publication, we increase our knowledge and improve our effectiveness.

MANSCEN is leading the organizational and leader development for the maneuver enhancement brigade (MEB) and its leaders; we are ensuring its effective integration into the total force. Currently, there are twenty-three brigades planned among our three components (Active Army, United States Army Reserve, and Army National Guard). The activation and integration of MEBs constitutes a significant milestone in total Army transformation; it represents a paradigm shift from the past to the future for maneuver support integration.

We've assembled an experienced pool of writers to bring you thoroughly researched articles and the latest

information on maneuver support. The result, we hope, will stimulate, inform, and provoke intellectual discussion to help clarify and better understand maneuver support, the MEB, and its role in conducting full spectrum operations.

The MEB is multifunctional in its construct; it leverages emerging modular principles and supports the "plug-and-play" concept in retaining an overall expeditionary posture predicated on an ability to command and control disparate units to achieve the desired effect in time and space in support of the maneuver commander's objective.

The MEB is organized, trained, and equipped, and is ideal for employment to conduct maneuver support operations, support area operations, consequence management operations, and stability operations. Flexible and tailorable to support all aspects of full spectrum operations, the MEB may be composed of engineer, chemical, military police, air defense, civil affairs, explosive ordnance disposal, and other units harnessing wide-ranging expertise and skill sets that enable them to function together and achieve a unity of effort.

In the *Maneuver Support Magazine*, we plan to present ideas for leaders that extend beyond their typical boundaries. We will offer you timely important subjects and provide you with compelling—and useful—information. We will include articles on a variety of capabilities, tasks, and processes that are especially associated with protection, movement, and mobility—pillars of maneuver support. Authors may discuss training, current operations and exercises, doctrine, equipment, history, personal viewpoints, or other areas of general interest to maneuver support personnel. Articles may also share good ideas and lessons learned or explore better ways of conducting business.

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