

# JOINT URBAN WARRIOR INFORMATION PAPER



*"In one moment in time, our service members will be feeding and clothing displaced refugees - providing humanitarian assistance. In the next moment, they will be holding two warring tribes apart conducting peacekeeping operations. Finally, they will be fighting a highly lethal mid-intensity battle. All on the same day, all within three city blocks. It will be what we call the three block war."*

- General Charles C. Krulak

**Introduction.** *Joint Urban Warrior (JUW)* is a partnership between the US Marine Corps (USMC) and US Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) to move forward on joint and combined urban operations concept development and experimentation (CD&E). It will be a recurring program consisting of an annual Pathway comprised of a major War Game and associated workshops, seminars, and planning events. Service, combined, and interagency participation is envisioned throughout the various *JUW* Pathways.

**Focus and Scope.** *JUW* is focused on: the integration of the full spectrum of advanced operational concepts, organizational innovations, technologies, and other transformational opportunities in complex urban operations necessary to enhance urban operational *effectiveness* in the context of the Three Block War; the critical importance of end-state political objectives in shaping the nature of the joint urban campaign; and the centrality of stability, support, and peacekeeping aspects of urban operations. Additionally, *JUW* is intended to provide a vehicle for communicating and integrating the activities of the different Services and agencies that are addressing urban operations CD&E, a feedback mechanism for the Joint Urban Operations Master Plan and JFCOM J-9's semi-annual battle rhythm of **actionable recommendations** for the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC).

## **JUW War Game 04 Objectives**

- To develop innovative operational and organizational concepts, approaches, and structures for the conduct of major Joint Urban Operations with particular focus on:
  - The core requirement of a clearly articulated political end state in shaping, planning, and executing Joint Urban Operations in the context of the Three Block War.
  - The dynamics, conditions, and capabilities necessary to plan and conduct Joint Urban Operations in the context of the Three Block War.
  - The characteristics and demands of stability, support, civil government, and humanitarian relief operations.
  - The future operational and tactical linkages between the Joint Force Command and the Joint Force components.

- To identify indicators of success and desired effects in Joint Urban Operations.
- To assess and refine the Joint Urban Operations Concept.
- To identify issues of particular interest to Homeland Security.

**Background.** *JUW* builds on the Marine Corps' legacy of urban wargaming and CD&E, resident primarily in the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory (MCWL). This provides both a foundation for continued Service urban development, and an avenue of approach for JFCOM to fulfill the responsibilities as DOD Executive Agent for Joint Urban Operations it assumed in January 2003.

JFCOM, through J-9's JUO Office, is the DOD focal point for improving joint urban capabilities and is responsible for leading the execution of the JUO Master Plan. While many legacy efforts have been focused on single-Service tactical capabilities, the JUO Master Plan perspective is now firmly focused on joint capabilities at the operational level within the USECT framework of Joint Pub 3-06 (Understand, Shape, Engage, Consolidate, Transition).

## **Selected *JUW* Pathway 04 Events**

4-6 Aug 03	JUO Concept War Game
23-25 Sep 03	<i>Emerald Express 03: Joint Urban Operations OIF Insights and Observations.</i>
26-31 Oct 03	<i>Expeditionary Warrior 04</i>
5-6 Nov 03	<i>Emerald Express 04-1: Stability Operations in Iraq.</i>
20 Nov 03	In Progress Review (IPR)
28-29 Jan 04	Main Planning Conference
25-26 Feb 04	Political / Military Workshop
2-4 Mar 04	Final Planning Conference
21-26 Mar 04	<i>JUW 04</i> War Game
April-May 04	Post-game assessment

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