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ACTIVE COMPONENT CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS OFFICERS: A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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On 5 September 1986 propensity for Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations was returned to the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The following month the Center and School began development of a concept that had been proposed by many officers who had been concerned about the professional development and training of *Active Component* Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations officers. The idea was to create a separate *Active Component* functional area (FA) specifically designed to enhance the development, training and ultimately promotion of these much needed officers.

The Problem

Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations officers were at one time members of the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) specialty. The implementation of the FAO Enhancement Plan changed the FAO's primary focus from functional to regional expertise, thereby eliminating CA and PSYOP officers from the FAO program. These officers were subsequently designated into the Special Operations FA, but with the 9 April 1982 Chief of Staff of the Army approval of a Special Forces Branch this alternative was no longer viable.

Under the FAO and Special Operations umbrellas CA and PSYOP officers lacked both an individual training strategy and dedicated professional development plan. In addition, it was recognized by the active officer community that repetitive tours in Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations was a professional dead end. Obviously, there was a problem.

The Solution

The FA 39 concept, as it has been proposed by the CG, USAJFKSWCS, addresses the inequities of the past. The proposal calls for the creation of a separate FA with two areas of concentration (AOCs), 39B CA and 39C PSYOP. The concept corrects two major problems. It provides for repetitive tours, thereby creating a professional corps of CA and PSYOP officers; and it provides active officers with a viable

career pattern.

FA 39 accession, under this proposal, would occur at the 7th year of commissioned service. At this point these officers would begin an extensive training program which includes either the Civil Affairs or Psychological Operations Office Course, dependent on AOC; a regional studies course and language training prior to an officer's initial assignment in a CA or PSYOP position as a senior O3.

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CHARLESTON, SC Site for 1988 National Conference

The 41st Annual CA Conference will be held at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, 15-19 June 1988. The Sheraton Charleston is the same site used for the 1982 conference.

Make your plans now for a family vacation in Historic Charleston in 1988. The Officers and Enlisted personnel of the 360th CA Brigade will make your visit a memorable one.

LEISTER AND LOWE HEAD 1988 SLATE



Colonel Leister

Colonels Harold D. Leister and Ronald L. Lowe, both from the West Coast, head the slate of officers nominated to lead the Civil Affairs Association in 1988.

COL Leister, currently serving as deputy commander of the 351st CA command, was commissioned from ROTC, University of Wyoming. He served on active duty with the 52d Infantry.

COL Lowe was commissioned in the infantry, regular army, from ROTC at the San Jose State University. Former commander of the 14th PsyOps battalion, he is currently with the



Colonel Lowe

351st CA Command.

Six officers are vying for the three vice president slots. They are current vice presidents COL Donald F. Campbell and COL Donald G. Patton. Also, COL Charles E. Eden of California; COL Jo-Ann Cotterman, of Louisiana; COL Robert A. Lucas, Oregon, and COL William E. Hennefer, New Jersey.

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A Bright Future for CA and PSYOP Officers

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Following that assignment CA and PSYOP officers will be expected to attend staff college or complete it by correspondence before attending graduate school to obtain Masters Degrees in disciplines relating to their mission functions preparatory to senior assignments in CA or PSYOP. Officers in FA 39 will maintain a dual track throughout their careers. This ensures that they will maintain a solid grounding in their primary branch and in so doing will place those officers in the best possible positions to be promoted to the next higher grade.

Conclusion

The FA 39 concept has been a long time in coming. With it, the Active Component will have for the first time a system by which CA and PSYOP Officers can be trained and managed. It ensures that these highly skilled and specialized officers will remain competitive with their peers for promotion and most importantly provides our nation with a greatly enhanced capability to conduct crucial Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations missions in peace and war.

The proposal began formal staffing with the Solider Support Center 15 September 1987. Final approval and publication of FA 39 is expected in the April 1988 Officer Personnel Update #12 of DA PAM 600-3.

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