

## *Cultural Learning*

Our forward-deployed units play a key role in building partner capacity to promote security and stability. Units operating in complex terrain must understand the human dynamics of the battlespace. In both instances, our forces must be adept at interacting with and influencing allied and coalition militaries and foreign populations. To improve our ability to maneuver in the human dimension of conflict, we must:

- Establish training and education venues that are capable of preparing our forces for both the most likely and the most dangerous employments.
- Ensure Marines gain and maintain their language, regional expertise and culture (LREC) capabilities, with a particular emphasis on learning to consider cultural factors in planning and decision-making processes at all levels of operations, especially in complex terrain where understanding the cultural landscape is as important as understanding enemy capabilities.
- Consider developing reachback to universities and organizations to enhance cultural expertise.