

Broader Concept of Combined Arms/Information Warfare

The 21st century concept of combined arms includes complementary effects from actions in and across the space and cyberspace domains. In future conflicts, the Marine Corps will have to fight *for* information and *with* information. We will confront adversaries who seek to disrupt, degrade, or destroy our information capabilities and systems. We will counter them with an IW approach integrated with C2, ISR, and precision fires from the MEF to the small-unit level. Our IW portfolio will include information operations (IO) that encompass the integration of: military information support operations (MISO); military deception (MILDEC); operations security (OPSEC); electronic warfare (EW); physical attack; special technical operations (STO); information assurance (IA); computer network operations (CNO); public affairs (PA); and civil-military operations (CMO). To enhance our ability to prosecute IW in the future, we must:

- Develop an organizational and employment construct for coherent IW efforts to ensure the MAGTF has a cohesive, organic capability to operate equally well across the five domains.
- Provide all MAGTFs with an IW capability and generate the capacity to task-organize it in subordinate echelons.
- Integrate a 21st century combined arms approach into our education, training, exercises, and organizations.
- Create enduring, professional organizations that can consistently provide the MAGTF with combined arms effects across all domains.
- Keep pace with ever-changing technologies to develop doctrine and capability to succeed on a battlefield where the ability to conduct cyberspace operations is no less important than the ability to perform C2, maneuver, or fires.
- Develop tools and methods to identify strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities in the information environment.
- Continue to mature our global cyberspace operations capabilities to include employment of Cyberspace Protection Teams as maneuver elements.