

Challenges of Compositing

MAGTFs are formed either through deliberate planning or adaptive planning. A deliberately planned MAGTF is formed to address an expected assignment. In this case, every MAGTF element comes with a baseline of training on its core mission-essential tasks, which then allows the unit to focus on the particulars of its regional- or mission-specific requirements. The ratio of enabling capabilities is balanced against mission requirements and there is a scheduled opportunity for the MAGTF elements to conduct direct coordination, planning, mission rehearsals, and SOP refinement prior to deployment. Additionally, this schedule allows the MAGTF CE an opportunity to work as a coherent element to create unity of effort, focus, and command. All of this is absent when a MAGTF is “composited” through adaptive planning to deploy a credible force to address an unexpected crisis. A composited MAGTF is challenged by the requirement to establish new MAGTF command arrangements and functional processes (e.g., fires, intelligence, etc.) while integrating into a Naval and/or Combined/Joint force. To improve the effectiveness of composited MAGTFs, we must:

- Ensure MAGTF CEs understand regional differences affecting organizational integration.
- Develop common, consistent practices to enable rapid compositing of forces into a single MAGTF or multiple MAGTFs under a single CE.
- Develop a notional MAGTF architecture to ensure composited MAGTFs are functional across all warfighting functions.
- Develop a formal training, planning and rehearsal mechanism as an adaptable baseline approach to minimize challenges associated with the compositing of MAGTFs.
- Prioritize our exercise program to drive appropriate Service component and force provider participation in testing potential compositing approaches and solutions.