

# **2006 CCRTS**

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## **PRINCIPLES OF WAR: Obsolete or Timeless**

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# AGENDA

- Current U. S. Principles of War
- Understanding War
- Understanding Terrorism
- Principles of Peace
- Strategic Environment
- Possible New Principles of War

# PRINCIPLES OF WAR

- Objective
- Offensive
- Mass
- Economy of Force
- Simplicity
- Maneuver
- Unity of Command
- Security
- Surprise

# UNDERSTANDING WAR

- Multiple Similarities & Differences
- Today War & Nations Transforming
- War's Evolving Character
- Act of Violence, Power, Force
- Industrial/Information Age Transformation
- Principles Become More Critical

# UNDERSTANDING TERRORISM

- Terrorism's Deadly Dimensions
- Terrorism: Skill, Will, Thrill
- Terrorism's Roots & Hatreds
- Terrorism as Ominous Threat
- Terrorism Flourishes on Fear
- Terrorism Prevails When...

# PRINCIPLES OF PEACE

- Counter the Mismatch with Balance
- One-Sixth and Five-Sixths Imbalance
- Reengage the War on Poverty
- Correct the Imbalances
- Costly Investments=True Dividends
- But Less Costly than War & Terrorism

# STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT

- Character & Nature of War
- Current Principles of War
- Changing Operational Environment
- Information Age Capabilities

# POSSIBLE NEW PRINCIPLES

- Stability, Security, & Reconstruction Ops
- Information & Influence Operations
- Maneuver & Shaping Operations
- Diversity & Agility Operations
- Interagency Centric Operations
- Cultural Understanding
- Alternative Actions
- Coalition Interests
- Decision & Action Interrelationships

# SUMMARY

- Understanding War Is Essential
- Principles Serve Statesmen & Soldiers
- Two Reasons—Plus One
- War: Just and Principled
- America and Freedom
- Principles and War