

Since the brigade's operational area may be in friendly controlled areas, guerrilla-controlled areas, or contested areas, the brigade mission and the intensity of guerrilla activity will govern the amount of tactical and other IDAD operations. For example, in friendly controlled areas the mission may dictate the brigade emphasize support to governmental economic, social, political, and psychological activities, while in contested areas or guerrilla-controlled areas, the brigade will have to emphasize tactical operations.

AREA COORDINATION CENTER

US and host country policy and agreements will determine command relationships between US and host country forces. Under most circumstances, US and host country forces will remain under their own national commands. Within operational areas, local commanders arrange coordinated operations. Normally, the brigade will be expected to participate in an area coordination center at an appropriate level. The brigade will retain its own tactical operations center. Similarly, the ACC is not intended to replace host country unit operational centers or take the place of the normal host country political administrative organization.

MISSION. The ACC has two missions: (1) To provide integrated planning, coordination, and execution of all of the IDAD efforts in a given area; and (2) to insure an immediate, coordinated response to operational requirements.

CONCEPT. ACCs are composed of representatives from all forces and agencies participating in the total IDAD effort. The chiefs (or chairmen) of ACCs may be military or political officials. Staffs are constituted from participating forces and agencies.

OPERATIONS. The ACC must be able to operate 24 hours a day to include continuous communications with all major elements. See chapter 4 on the organization and operations of the ACC.

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