



# NATO Allied Land Command



## Land Capability Conference

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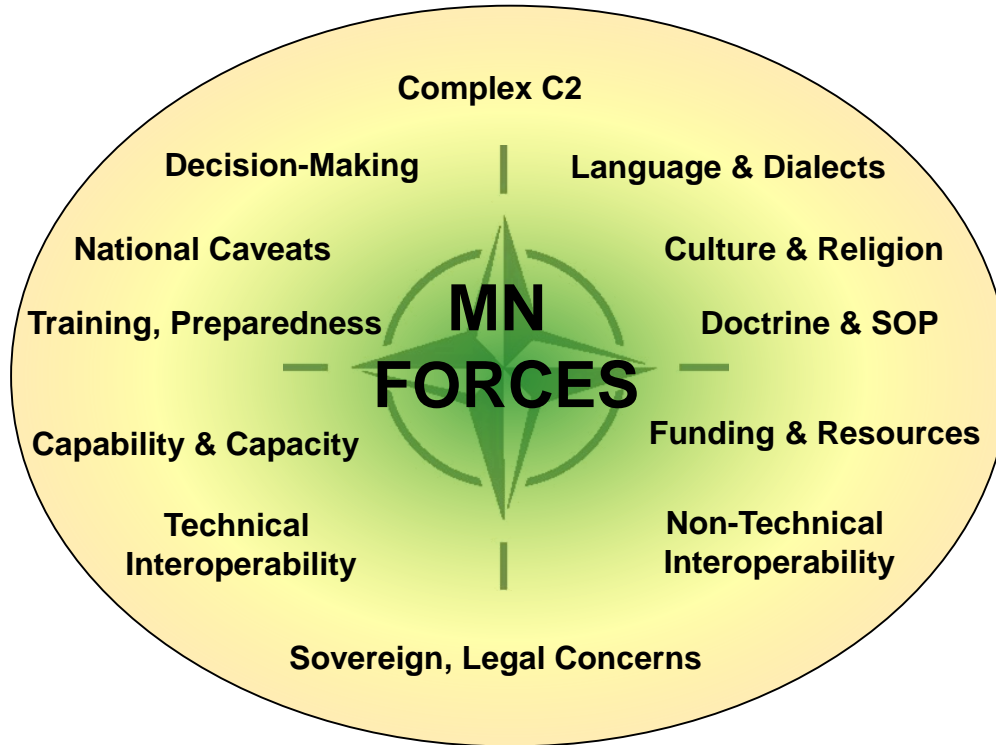


## The Competitive Advantage of Multinational Forces

***"FOR THE SOLDIER!"***

LTG J.T. Thomson, USA A

# Challenges Exist, but...



***“There is only one thing worse than fighting with allies and that is fighting without them.”***

Sir Winston Churchill, 1 April 1945

$$2 + 2 = 5$$



## NATO Today

<u>Population</u>	<u>Military Personnel</u>	<u>Defense Expenditures</u>
938,287,000	3,176,000	\$1,058,406B

*“The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of its Parts” – Aristotle*

# What Multinationality Brings to the Fight



- **Capability & Capacity**
- **Access, Flexibility, Options**
- **Legitimacy**
- **Morale**
- **Diversity, Expertise, Experience**

*Compromise or Reinforce the Principles of War?*

# Commanding Multinational Forces



- Relationships
- Tenets
- Shared Understanding
- Unity of Effort
- Interoperability
- Humility



***After World War II, General Dwight D. Eisenhower noted that “mutual confidence is the one basic thing that will make allied commands work.”***

# Closing

***In today's complex, uncertain and dynamic security environment,  
with the rapidly changing character of war,  
multinational forces give us a competitive advantage.***

*Luck is what happens  
when preparation  
meets opportunity.*

*~Seneca*

