

## Chapter 4

# Joint Operations

### 4-1. Introduction

Unified or specified commanders generate requirements for VI and COMCAM support. There are four outside continental United States (OCONUS) unified commands—US European Command, US Pacific Command, US Southern Command, and US Central Command. Within CONUS, US Army Forces are tasked through US Forces Command. Once in theater, COMCAM teams are placed under the operational control of the supported unified commander or JTF commander. The senior deployed COMCAM officer or NCO serves as a member of the Operations Directorate (J3) staff to coordinate joint COMCAM requirements and direct the activities of the JCCT.

### 4-2. Joint Combat Camera Teams

Army and Marine Corps COMCAM units deployed in joint operations are considered part of the theater JCCT. COMCAM personnel document the activities of their own service when this is practical. JCCTs will be formed only when all team members are adequately trained for the environment and the mission. The senior COMCAM officer or NCO serves as an ad hoc member of the J3 staff. The JCCT is task organized according to standing operation plans or operation orders developed by the supported unified or specified command and can be modified during the course of an operation.

### 4-3. Joint Combat Camera Center

a. The JCCC is the single receiver of joint COMCAM imagery for distribution to the NCA, JCS, joint staff, military services, OASD (PA), and other authorized agencies.

b. The 1361 Audiovisual Squadron, Andrews AFB, Maryland is the collection agent for all COMCAM materials shipped to the JCCC in Washington, D.C. Imagery is sent to the JCCC by the fastest possible means after clearance by the theater commander. Approval is not required for requests for visual imagery initiated by Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS). Specific guidance for shipping COMCAM materials is provided in DOD Directive 5040.4.

c. After satisfying the requirements of these organizations, the imagery is returned to the originating military service.

### 4-4. Tasking Procedures

a. In a joint environment, only the NCA CJCS, joint staff, unified commanders, and specified commanders (when not directly supporting a unified commander) have the authority to task service COMCAM resources. All other organizations, including service components and specified commanders supporting a unified commander, can request support through the CJCS, joint staff, or the supported unified command.

b. Specific tasking guidance is detailed in operation plans and tabs. Actual tasking will occur in an execution order from the appropriate command authority to the supporting component organization.