

Introduction To Asymmetric Warfare (AW), 4th Generation Warfare (4GW)

Objectives

- Provide a basic orientation to AW, and 4GW.
- This orientation is to serve several purposes:
 - First, identify current & future threats our Soldiers can expect to engage in combat.
 - Last, provide the Soldier a direction on how to effectively engage these threats by introducing the Soldier to maneuver warfare.

Asymmetric Warfare (AW)



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DAVID & GOLIATH

Karl Newhall



Asymmetric Warfare (AW)

What is it?

- David and Goliath warfare
 - Unsophisticated versus the sophisticated (technologically)
 - Poor countries or entities against rich countries or rich entities
 - Threat can be internal or external (i.e. Israel, Vietnam or Afghanistan)
- Often state sponsored/supported

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Attacking opponent via indirect means such as

- Terrorism
- Critical infrastructures
- Avoids combat w/ conventional forces
- Tends to have a purpose that focuses on a force, but not always the case
- Misc. unconventional means i.e., poisoning water/food supplies, exploitation of media by staging scenes to sway public opinion.
- Examples? Vietnam, Hannibal, a-bomb, *War & Peace* tactics (Tolstoy), computer hackers, deception tactics (i.e. Serb/Iraqi decoys against coalition aircraft); use of children to kill soldiers (Sergeant 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, 1st SFG(a), assigned to 5th SFG(a)) SFC Chapman was KIA 4 JAN 2002 while on patrol near Khost by a 14-year-old boy; other examples of child soldiers are Colombia & Vietnam

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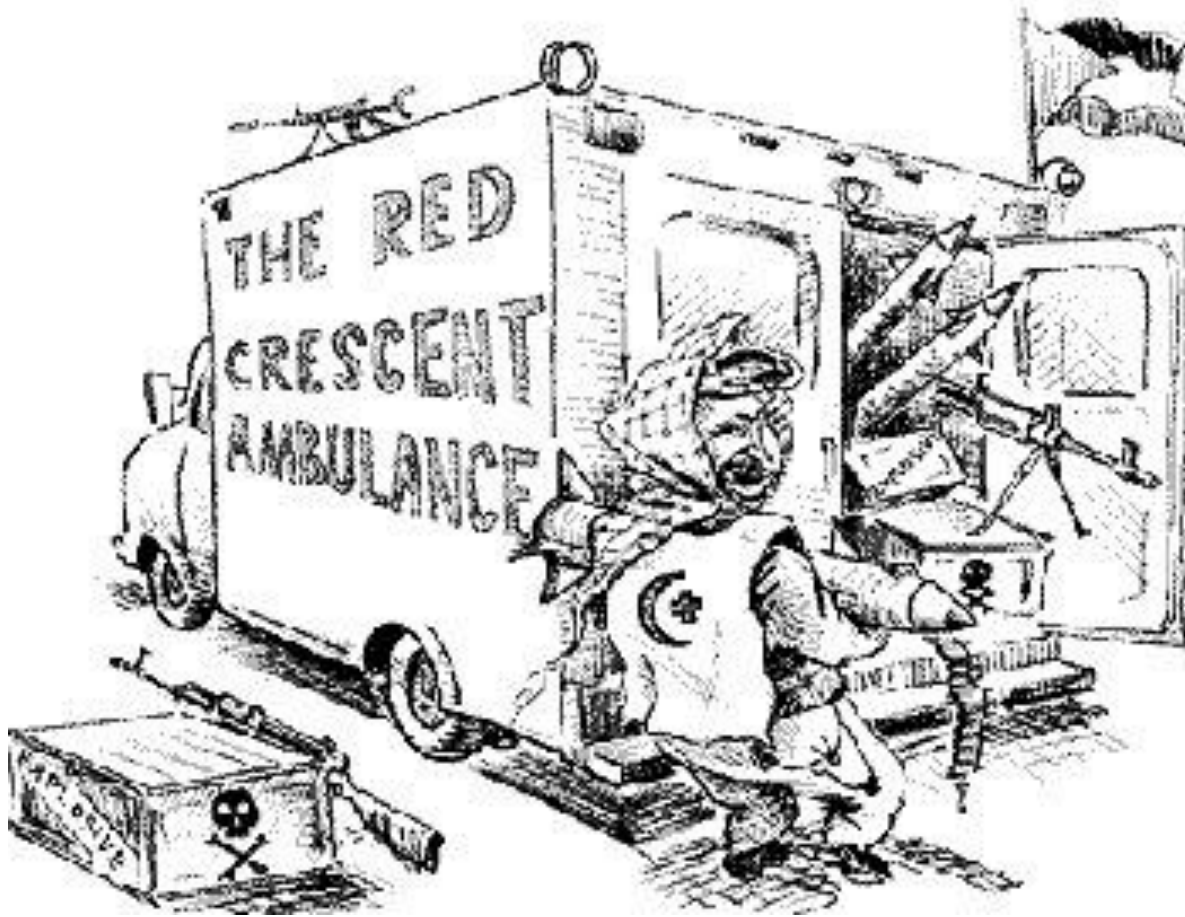
Why so dangerous to our country?

- Our over-reliance on technology
- Our open society & our belief that our countries are impervious to a foreign attack. “Complacency kills”
- Can hit anytime, anywhere, anything
- Our greed or failing moral character; legal & illegal businesses turning the blind eye to activities that could harm the security of our country i.e., immigrant smuggling, drug dealing, money laundering, illegal selling of technologies and equipment.

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- Uneducated advisors to senior government officials, or the officials themselves, who deploy forces w/out long-term considerations. Forces deployed for perceived “quick fix” ops become isolated from the local populace over a period of time, eventually becoming a soft target because of the force being perceived as an occupation force vice a helping hand.
- Examples: US forces in Vietnam; Somalia; Soviet forces in Afghanistan (although actually an occupying force, the Soviets are an example of what can happen to a force operating without clear objectives on foreign soil over an extended period of time); potential exists for forces stretched out all over the current Balkans region i.e. Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia.

4th Generation Warfare (4GW)



4th Generation Warfare (4GW)

- Formless and most deadly kind of war
- 4GW ops are intelligence driven (i.e. WTC attack; China's hacker attacks on US.) Countering the threat requires an intensive intelligence effort to drive counter-4GW ops.
- Requires constant preparation and resourcefulness
- Distinguishing a combatant from a combatant can be extremely difficult (i.e. use of mosques or churches to plan terrorist attacks - Levant/Asia; refugees/displaced persons infiltrated w/ agent provocateurs - Balkans; exploitation of fragmented cultures w/in a country for purposes of breaking down a society - al-Qa'ida vs US; exploitation of rules of engagement as in Somalia.)

4th Generation Warfare (4GW)

“Fourth generation war will require much more intelligence gathering, analysis, and a greater dissemination capability to serve a highly flexible, interagency command system. At the same time, the fact that fourth generation war will include elements of earlier generations of war means our forces must be prepared to deal with these aspects as well ... therefore, it will be essential for leaders to make an accurate analysis of the war they are about to enter. The complex mix of generations of war with their overlapping political, economic, social, military, and mass media arenas makes determining the type of war we are entering more critical than ever”.

Col T.X. Hammes, USMC

4th Generation Warfare (4GW)

- What is it?
 - Stateless, or can be state, supported warfare w/ possible interstate spillover
 - Hides behind religion/ideologies
- Examples? WTC, anthrax attack, FRY, US vs. Iraq
- Why dangerous?
 - Current us forces designed to fight against a nation state
 - Our over-reliance on technology
 - War and transnational crime intertwined - hard to see enemy (gangs, mercenaries, narco-traffickers, religious extremists, rogue states, and mafias)
 - Can hit anytime, anywhere, anything and anyone

Sources Of AW And 4GW Conflict

- Lack of resources
 - Growing population (4 billion early 70s; now 6 billion)
 - Lack of water
 - Lack of arable land
 - Lack of food
 - Lack of land
 - Lack of minerals
 - Information/technology i.e. China
 - Examples of all the above Israel, Syria, Jordan, Haiti, Africa and Afghanistan. Haves and have-nots
 - Especially multi-ethnic areas i.e. Liberia, Rwanda, former Yugoslavia and Somalia.
 - Nepotism - clans taking care of their own

Sources Of AW And 4GW Conflict (Continued)

Major trends

- Fragmentation - large nation breaking down into smaller states.
- Integration - global networking in terms of international commerce, communications, and production of goods. “Blurred distinction of war and peace”
 - I.e. WTC, anthrax attack.
- “Technology’s role - The technologies which support globalization of commerce are recognized and exploited by 4GW actors.”
 - WWW and global financial networks have established “lines of communication” for export of western culture and free markets.
 - 4GW actors with a little funding can use these LOCs as avenues of advance/attack.” (By Major C. Yunker USMC)
 - Exploitation of web sites that contain sensitive unclassified information. Exploitation of web sites that contain classified information, but posted on the Internet because of a strong belief in the freedom of information act (FOIA.) Examples are not cited for security reasons.

Sources Of AW And 4GW Conflict (cont'd)

- Exploitation/distortion of religion to create a united front i.e. al-Qa'ida's jihad vs. US; Former Yugoslavia.

Tactics Of AW / 4GW

- Ethnic cleansing
- Human shields
- Attacking C4I networks
- Exploitation of rules of engagement (ROEs)/ laws of war (LOW)
- Exploitation of US laws/US Constitution and lack of laws to fight the current global war on terrorism (GWOT) i.e. John Walker Lindh & Jose Padilla & the presses abused right to freedom of speech.
- World trade center
- Employment of WMD
- Exploitation of humanitarian relief orgs i.e. Red Crescent, CAIR, etc...
- Flooding refugees into neighboring countries (regional instability)

Objectives Of AW / 4GW

- “Objectives of 4GW - varies, but includes: ideological objectives (i.e. Islam, neo-Nazis) destabilize state by force for gain (i.e. drug cartels)” — Major Chris Yunker, USMC
 - Can be revolutionary (complete overthrow or breakdown of a government)
 - Can be sub-revolutionary (changing portions of a government to suit the groups objectives)
- Political objectives (IRA)
- Cultural/ethnic objectives (Kosovo)

QUESTIONS?

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