

LESSON 8  
PEACE OPERATIONS

Introduction

Purpose	This lesson introduces you to a variety of subjects grouped under the heading of peace operations: peacekeeping, peace enforcement, peacemaking and peace building.
Why Study Peace Operations?	In the post-Cold War era, peace operations have become an increasingly important aspect of the roles and missions of the U.S. and NATO militaries. For this reason, you need to be familiar with peace operations.
Relationship to Other Instruction	Peace operations frequently have involved American military personnel and formations. The dynamics that direct the involvement of U.S. assets in peace operations relate to material covered in the <i>Theory and Nature of War</i> (8801) and <i>Strategic Level of War</i> (8802) courses.  The employment of U.S. assets in peace operations relates to the material covered in the <i>Operational Level of War</i> (8803), <i>Warfighting From the Sea</i> (8804-8808) courses.
Study Time	This lesson, including the issues for consideration, will require about 1.5 hours of study.

## Educational Objectives

Scope and Definitions	Explain the scope and definitions of peace operations. [JPME Area 2(a)]
Developments in Peace Operations	Develop an understanding of the recent developments in peace operations. [JPME Area 3(d)]
Joint and Multinational Military Operations	Evaluate the complications of employing joint and multinational military forces in peace operations. [JPME Areas 1(a) and 3(a)]
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## Discussion

### Peace Operations

Peace operations normally employ multinational and joint military formations working alongside civilian agencies to stabilize or end a conflict. While such military formations are frequently small, they frequently have a high strategic profile. In many cases, the United Nations either leads the peace operation or provides assets to help manage and support it.

The recent shift from a bi-polar world that characterized the Cold War era has made employment of military formations in peace operations more prevalent and more large scale than in the past. This change is an important issue for American military forces.

### Why Study Peace Operations?

Peace operations in joint doctrine and military terms refers only to peacekeeping and peace enforcement operations.

Peacemaking and peace building are diplomatic terms. They describe military forces performing OOTW activities such as sanctions and observation to support the State Department or the U.N. in maintaining peace. At a minimum, the terms identify the forces that conduct the type of military activities (vice peace operations) described in the required readings (Joint Pub 3-07, pp. III-12-III-14).

## Required Readings

### *Joint Pub Readings*

*Joint Task Force Commander's Handbook for Peace Operations*, pp. EX-1 to EX-9, and pp. 15-33. Find this reading in the *Joint Pub Readings Vol. III* (8800), pp. 1165 to 1193. The handbook discusses the challenges of peace operations including the following: the importance of civil-military relations; joint task force organization; the transition to other peace organizations; logistics, intelligence, legal support, force protection and training considerations; and refugee and migrant camp operations.

Joint Pub 3-07, *Joint Doctrine for Military Operations Other Than War*, pp. III-12 to III-14. Find this reading in the *Joint Pub Readings Vol. III* (8800) pp. 843 to 845. This reading section defines and gives examples of the following operations: peace, peacekeeping, peace making, and peace building.

## For Further Study

**Supplemental Readings**     The readings listed are **not** required. They are provided as recommended sources of additional information about topics in this lesson that may interest you. They will increase your knowledge and augment your understanding of this lesson.

Joint Pub 3-0, *Doctrine for Joint Operations*.

Joint Pub 5-0, *Doctrine for Planning Joint Operations*.

FM 100-23, *Peace Operations*.

## Issue for Consideration

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| Definitions                | Explain the definition of peace operations, peacekeeping, peace enforcement, peace making, and peace building; include aspects of joint doctrine. How do military formations relate to these terms and definitions?  |
| Role of the United Nations | Explain the role of the United Nations in peace operations. How well have U.N. formations handled peacekeeping tasks? Why have U.N. forces had more difficulty with peace enforcement tasks? Why has there been a recent increase in peace enforcement operations? |
| Role of U.S. Forces        | Discuss the role of American military forces in peacekeeping and peace enforcement. Why is the United States reluctant to place American military forces under U.N. or coalition command when that is the norm for other countries involved in peace operations?   |