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# On Health Diplomacy WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT AND COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIC INTEGRATION



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- Methodology
- Military Experience
- International Experience
- Alternative Futures and Health Diplomacy Imperative
- Militarization of Complex Humanitarian Emergencies
- Integration
- The Prescription





Throughout history militaries have responded to complex humanitarian emergencies, sometimes as a direct result of combat operations but more recently due to natural disasters.

Health diplomacy is the coordination of various instruments that a state or states can employ to support other nations in need while enhancing the donors' influence.

For health diplomacy to be effective there must be a comprehensive strategic posture with policy-driven integration and measureable outcome of security, stability and prosperity.





#### Background

 Nature of Non-permissive environments and need for rapid response to limit the consequences of natural and man-made disasters

#### Definitions

- First International Sanitary Conference Paris 1851
- Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Natsios 1997

#### Research Questions

- What is the strategy to successfully employ health resources?
- What are key components?
- What has been the military involvement?

#### Methodology

- Qualitative case studies
- Alternative Futures Schwartz 1991



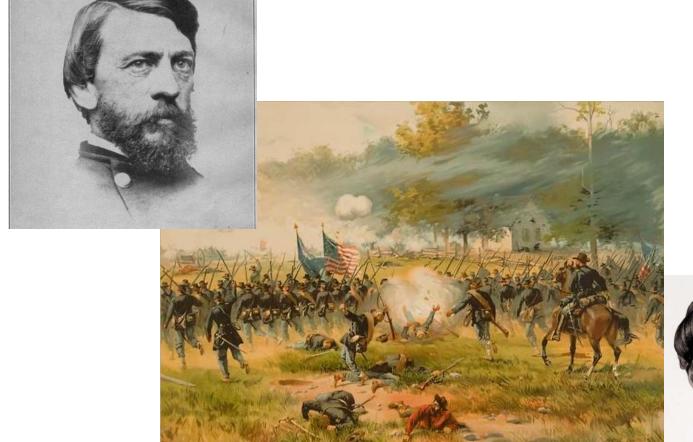
# NOTHING NEW EXCEPT THE HISTORY YOU DO NOT KNOW

Harry Truman



# American Civil War

Antietam 1862







#### Historical Context

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#### American Civil War

- Dr. Jonathan Letterman Battle of Antietam Sep 16, 1862
- Clara Barton ARC & Dr. Henry Bellow WCAR

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Military Medicine

- The great influenza and malaria 1918
- Marshall Plan
- Viet Nam Conflict

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Globalization

- Banda Aceh Tsunami 2004
- U.S. Army and Trinidad



### International Experience

- Cold-War Era
  - Malayan Emergency 1948-1960
  - Australians in Viet Nam
  - Cuba and health diplomacy
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century International Actors
  - Haiti Poor Governance and Poor Coordination
  - Chile Advanced Planning and Exercising
  - China Economic Strength X Conflict Resolution

# **Alternative Futures**



- Origins of Alternative Futures
  - Exercises in expanding the realm of possibilities
  - Drivers Scenarios Implications Imperatives

"It's pretty clear now that what looked like it might have been some kind of counterculture is, in reality, just the plain old chaos of undifferentiated weirdness" – Jerry Garcia

- Executive Global Look 2045
  - Work began in Sep 2008
  - Four Drivers Identified: K(S&T), Cult, GP Stab, Resources
  - Development of Eight Scenarios led to over 800 Implication
  - Sum of Squares led to identification of 10 Imperatives
- The Health Diplomacy Imperative



# Complex Humanitarian Emergencies

- Challenges
  - Strategic Framework
  - Clear Objectives
  - Unambiguous Decisions
- Authority
- Metrics
  - Time period and level of observation
- Leadership
  - Skill sets Logistical Mindset and Keen SA
- Civil-Military Integration



# Discussion – The Integration

#### Greater than the Sum of the Parts

- Single strategy
- Appreciation of diversity of skills
- Anticipation

#### Criticality of Leadership

"Somebody has to do something, and it's just incredibly pathetic that it has to be us" – Jerry Garcia

Health Diplomacy to Gain Influence

All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players – William Shakespeare

- Sharing the Experience
  - · Reinventing the wheel



# Conclusion – The Prescription

- Center for Joint Military Medical Strategy and Doctrine
  - Need for Unifying Strategy
    - Authority, Roles and Responsibilities
  - Need to Develop and Align with Partners
    - Whole of Government Construct
    - Coalition Partners
    - Major NGO and Influential Individuals
- Importance of Metrics
- Dissemination of Knowledge and Wisdom
  - Need Dynamic Knowledge Repository
  - Synthesis and Dissemination Lessons Learned





# THE WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS