



SOF CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER / SOCOM J6

RE-IMAGINING THE SOF INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (SIE): DIGITALLY TRANSFORMING SOF TO COMPETE TO WIN

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Far Ridgeline Notional Operations Vignette



• Specified Tasks

- Ascertain terrain
- Develop sub surface mapping
- Develop patterns of life
- **Remain undetected**

• Operational Scenario | Constraints

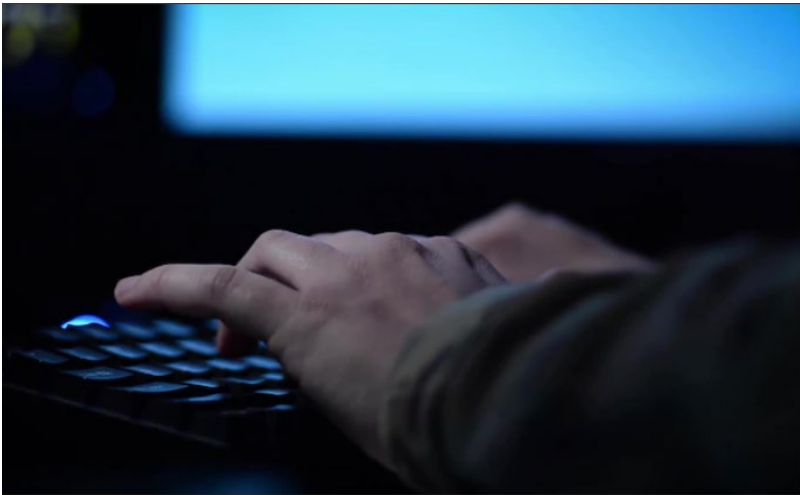
- **Denied, degraded SATCOM**
- **Denied, degraded GPS**
- Radiofrequency **jamming** and **Direction-finding**
- Large areas of geography with no landmarks
- Limited Capacity of maritime mobility assets

• Mission

- Conduct **special reconnaissance**
- Confirm or deny the presence of defense infrastructure
- Characterize the current status of suspected reclamation projects
- **Generate maps**, in real time, of the sub- surface terrain
- 72 hours to complete

• SIE Needed Capabilities

- **Global auto-failover** multi-spectral, multi-transport
- **Resilient** Tactical Mission **Networks**
- Federated SOF Data Fabric
- **DevSecOps** to the Edge
- Single query to **search/discover** across multiple security enclaves
- **Interoperability** w/ Joint Force and Mission partners



Does the SOF
Information Environment
(SIE) Shape the Force or
does the Force Shape the
SIE?

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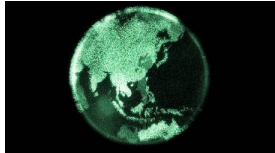
Are we Digitally Modernizing or Transforming?

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SOF Information Environment Four Primary Goals

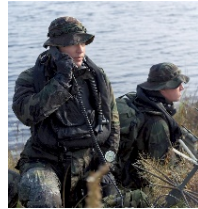
ADVANCE THE MOBILITY OF A GLOBAL MISSION FORCE



Build NextGen SIE Connectivity



Enable global cloud access



Streamline tactical kit



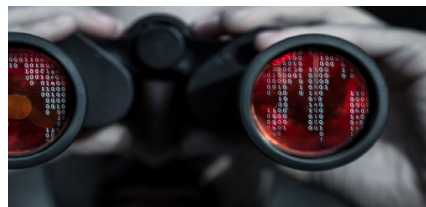
Deliver fully capable mobile device access



Empower a professional and mobile digital workforce, skilled through cutting-edge training and education

DOMINATE THE CYBER ECOSYSTEM FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- Understand the 5 W's of cyber threats
- Use data-driven cyber risk to prioritize actions
- Unity of effort between J2/J3/J6
- Establish policy to protect the SIE and DODIN



EMBED COLLABORATION & INSTANTANEOUS DATA DISCOVERY EVERYWHERE



- Enable cloud-based OneDrive at all levels
- Implement Natural Language Processing libraries
- Invest in real time dashboards and divest of static slides
- Accredit Multi-domain Recommender Systems
- Enable collaboration through secure and compliant means

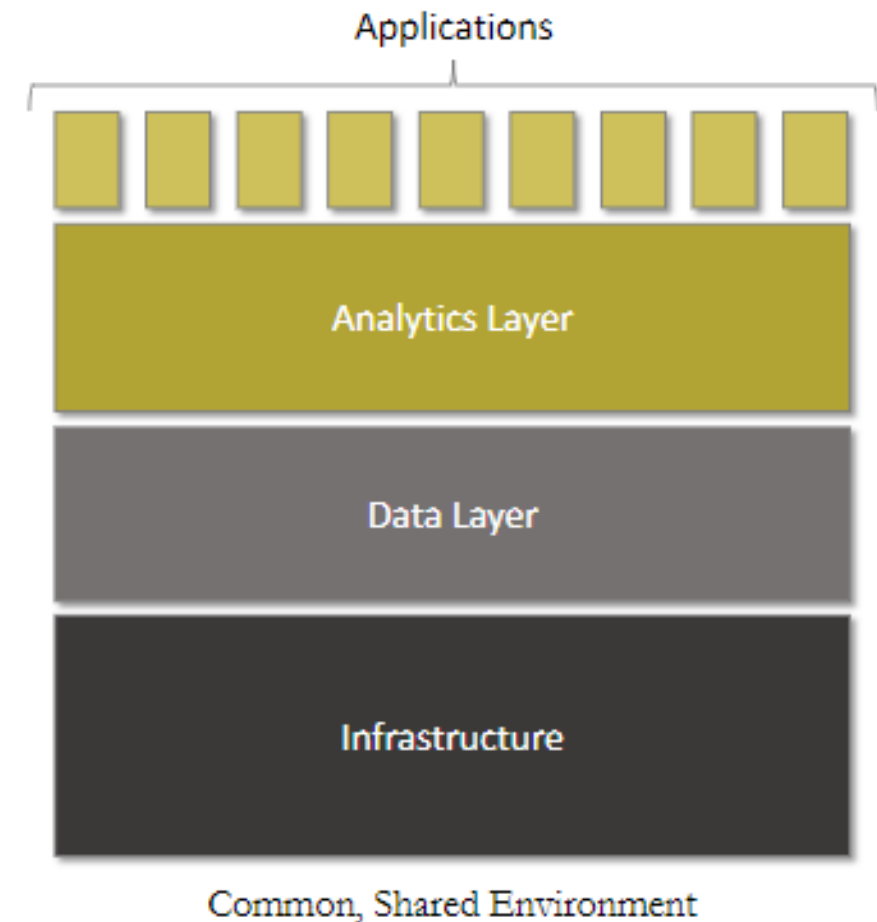
CULTURAL IMPERATIVE: OPERATIONALIZING INNOVATION

- Cultivate partnerships with Joint Force programs, commercial industry, and academia
- Policies and TTPs to support multi-domain interoperability
- Agile and cost-effective DevSecOps community
- Scale to meet component/TSOC fit-for-purpose mission needs



SOF Needs from Industry and Academia

- Next Generation Cross-Domain Solutions
- Multi-cloud agnostic solutions from enterprise to tactical edge
- Contested Communications Environment (CCE)/ Denied, Disrupted, Intermittent, and Limited (DDIL) Capabilities
- Secure Internet of Things (IOT) integrated
- Integrating Zero Trust into Network Operations
- Secure Mobile Capabilities
- Software Defined Hardware
- “Just in time” Interoperable Waveforms



Thank you!

- Q&A with CIO/J6 Panel

- Dr. Lisa Costa, SOF CIO/SOCOM J6
- COL Joe Pishock, SOCOM J63 Current C4 Operations Division Chief
- Mr. Mike Langlois, SOCOM J65 C4 Programs, Requirements and Governance Division Chief
- CW5 Robert Byrd, SOCOM CIO/J6 Chief Engineer

SIE PRIORITIES

- #1: Globally Mobile
- #2: Data Discoverability
- #3: Cyber Secure
- #4: Operational Innovation



SIE: DIGITALLY TRANSFORMING SOF TO COMPETE TO WIN