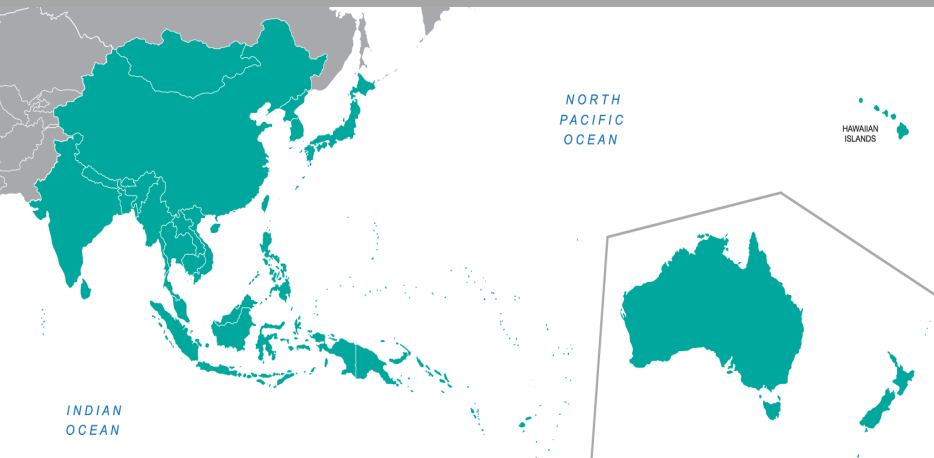


INDO-PACIFIC MULTI-DOMAIN TASK FORCES FACT SHEET



The 1st & 3rd Multi Domain Task Forces are Indo-Pacific aligned, theater level units. MDTFs operate like traditional maneuver elements while also synchronizing precision fires and effects in all domains to neutralize adversary A2AD (anti-access & area denial) networks. MDTFs create windows of opportunity for Joint and Combined Forces by adapting and keeping pace with the rapid evolution of kinetic and non-kinetic capabilities as they affect the character of conflict and competition. MDTFs are not a service attempt to seize doctrinal terrain. On the contrary, they enable Joint freedom of action.

AREA OF OPERATIONS



HISTORY

Since the early 1990s, our adversaries have engineered vast networks of Anti-Access and Area-Denial (A2AD) platforms that create contested theaters across all 5 domains (Land, Air, Maritime, Space and Cyber). If left unchallenged, the A2AD network will delay Joint Force maneuver in all domains, as well as threaten mission execution and access to the global commons. At the same time, long range fires rapidly evolved, closing the distance between the United States and near peer adversaries. Thus, on March 8th 2017, the 39th Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) directed an Indo-Pacific-aligned, anti-access area denial (A2AD) focused pilot program to inform the development of a Multi-Domain Task Force (MDTF). MDTFs are scalable and tailorable maneuver task forces that combine capabilities such as Electromagnetic Warfare, Space, and Cyber effects with emerging kinetic strike capabilities. During conflict, the Task Force of about 2,100 Soldiers neutralizes adversary A2AD networks to enable Joint freedom of action and set favorable conditions for a transition from conflict back to competition. During

competition, MDTFs gain and maintain contact with the adversary, setting conditions that support the rapid transition through crises to conflict. Through iterative exercise and assessment, the pilot program's groundwork enabled the MDTF to deploy and operate west of the International Date Line (IDL) even before its official activation. On 16 September, while exercising in the Second Island Chain, the 1st MDTF activated.

The 1st MDTF's demonstrated innovation, agility, and contribution to multiple successful joint exercises and war-games resulted in the Department of Defense requesting the establishment of five full MDTFs. As follow on MDTFs are activated, the 1st Multi-Domain Task Force will continue to lead from the front and stands ready to win first across all domains in competition, crisis and conflict.

On September 23, 2022, Army activated the 3rd MDTF at Fort Shafer, Hawaii, adding a second MDTF to the nation's priority theater.

1st & 3rd MDTF MISSION

MDTFs conduct persistent competition to help set conditions in the Theater of Operations for the rapid transition to conflict. On order, MDTFs attack across all domains to prevent enemy freedom of action.

MULTI-DOMAIN SOLDIERS

MDTF Soldiers are capable of employing Space, Cyber, and Electronic Warfare capabilities (in conjunction with kinetic options when necessary) to degrade, deny, disrupt, or destroy adversary A2AD capabilities. They are proficient in analysis of adversary critical capabilities and vulnerabilities across platforms for all domains. They are prepared to deploy forward in small teams for extended periods in austere conditions whenever operations require their support.

