

# Joint COMCAM Planning Group

55<sup>th</sup> Signal Company (Combat Camera) "Eyes of the Army"



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# Mission

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**The 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera) rapidly deploys worldwide throughout the full spectrum of military operations to capture, edit and transmit high definition still and video imagery in support of commanders' tactical, operational, and strategic objectives.**

# Deployments/Exercises Supported

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- Operation New Dawn
- Operation Enduring Freedom (RC-East, RC-South, SOF)
- OP Key Resolve (Korea)
- OP Mighty Guardian (Georgia)
- OP Balikatan (Philippines, USMC)
- OP Cobra Gold (Thailand)
- OP Maritime Raider (CAN)
- OP Martillo (Panama, USN)
- OP Atlas Accord (Africa)
- OP Iron Focus (1AD, Fort Bliss)
- National Training Center
- State of the Union
- Presidential Inauguration



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# Successes

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- **Mission Accomplishment (No loss of life)**
- **Integration with supported unit PRIOR to deployment (MRE)**
- **Functional Area 30 – Information Operations Qualification Course, Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, KS**
- **Joint training with the 982<sup>nd</sup> Combat Camera Company (ABN)**
- **Working relationships with DMA, DIMOC, and Fort Meade PAO**
- **Technical, Tactical, and Life Fire Exercises and training.**



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# Challenges

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- **Equipment (Mission Requirements, non-MTOE equipment, and PPE)**
- **Integration with supported unit PRIOR to deployment (MRE)**
- **Funding (Supported unit LOA, changes, etc.)**
- **Redeployment – Supported unit leaves COMCAM to fly home Space-A**
- **Communication during deployment (Commanding through Facebook)**



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# Lessons Learned

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- **COMCAM must be integrated into Supported Unit's planning process prior to MRE (transportation, communication, use of COMCAM)**
- **Supported unit must take ownership of, and provide support to, COMCAM**
- **Joint operations should supported by joint exercises**



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# Questions?

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