Suggested Themes and Topics

- Futures Command

- What nations consider themselves to be at war or in conflict with the United States? Nonstate actors? How are they conducting war, and what does this mean for the Army?

- What operational and logistical challenges are foreseen due to infrastructure limitations in potential foreign areas of operation and how can we mitigate them?

- What lessons did we learn during recent hurricane relief operations?

- What is the role of the military in protecting natural resources?

- What lessons have we learned from U.S. counterinsurgent military assistance in Africa?

- What are the security threats, concerns, and events resulting from illegal immigration into Europe?

- Saudi Arabia and Iran: How are cultural changes in both societies affecting the operational environment and potential for conflict between them?

- Iran: What should the U.S. military do to prepare for and promote normalization?

- Case study: How does Japan's effort to establish the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" compare with current Chinese efforts to expand control over the South China Sea?

- Are changes demanded to the professional development models of the officer and NCO structure in the face of large-scale combat operations and increased readiness requirements?

- What is the correlation between multi-domain operations and large-scale combat operations? How should this impact the Army's training, readiness, and doctrine?

- What material solutions are required to fulfill the Army's unified land operations obligations in large-scale combat operations?

- What is needlessly duplicated in the Army (e.g., what should be done away with, how should the Army adjust, and how would it benefit)?

- What must be done to adjust junior leader development to a modern operational environment?

- What must we do to develop a more effective means of developing and maintaining institutional memory in order to deal with emerging challenges?

- What is the role for the Army in homeland security operations? What must the Army be prepared for?

- Case studies: How do we properly integrate emerging technology?

- What are the potential adverse impacts on military standards due to factors associated with poor integration of new cultures, ethnicities, or racial considerations and how can those impacts be mitigated?

- Case study: How is gender integration changing the Army and how it operates?

- Case study: How does tactical-level military governance during occupation following World War II and Operation Iraqi Freedom compare?

- After eighteen years of institutional/operational experience largely focused on counterinsurgency, how do we return to preparing for large-scale combat operations (LSCO)?

  – See/understand/seize fleeting opportunities?
  – Develop the situation in contact and chaos?
  – Offset "one-off" dependencies and contested domains?
  – Rapidly exploit positions of advantage?
  – Survive in hyperlethal engagements?
  – Continuously present multiple dilemmas to the enemy?
  – Decide and act at speed?
  – Fully realize mission command?

Strykers and military support vehicles belonging to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment (2CR), stage for departure 18 June 2018 in Sochaczew, Poland. 2CR conducted a tactical road march from Lithuania to Germany after Saber Strike 18 concluded. (Photo by 1st Lt. Ellen Brabo, U.S. Army)