FM 41-10 is the keystone doctrinal manual for U.S. Army CA operations. It is directly linked to, and must be used in conjunction with, the doctrinal principles found in FMs 100-5, 100-20, and 100-25. This manual is compatible with the concepts and principles contained in the USSOCOM Operational Concept. It defines the CA mission and describes CA roles, capabilities, organization, C2, CS, CSS, and employment in all environments across the operational continuum. It serves as the doctrinal foundation for force design, professional education, and individual and collective training. It supports the doctrinal requirements of the CBRS. The information contained in this manual is current as of April 1992.

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