

Joint Pub 3-07, Stability, now available thanks to PKSOI expert

PKSOI analyst guides Joint Pub on Stability

Sep. 7, 2016 -- An analyst in the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute was honored today for his



work as lead author of the Joint Publication 3-07, Stability.

Mike Esper was singled out by USAWC Commandant Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp for his work in guiding the publication to completion. The new update, signed Aug. 3, aligns joint doctrine with current concepts, and adds the concept of combining defeat mechanisms with stability mechanisms to conduct operations. It reviews the application of stability mechanisms: compel, control, influence, and support.

Commandant Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp congratulates Mike Esper on his achievement with joint doctrine on Stability at a command meeting, Root Hall, Sep. 7.

The updated doctrinal publication on Stability expands the discussion on stability across the conflict continuum, to clarify the role of stability actions in all types of joint operations and the phasing construct.

"This was a substantial revision of the doctrine," said Esper, noting that it represented a more-than-50 percent change. "This publication distinguishes "stability actions" as the appropriate phrasing. The term recognizes that stability actions may be a matter of tasks or activities in a theater security cooperation plan, for example, a training team instructing a host nation military on stability tasks.

"Any operation includes stability actions throughout, to include combat operations," he said.

Esper is the lead author of the 2012 Army doctrine on Stability -- ADRP 3-07 -- carrying expertise throughout military doctrine on stability. He is revising it now.

"It's a long series of steps -- writing, staffing, adjudication of comments -- taking an 18-24-month process to get to signature," he noted about doctrine revision.

Find the new JP 3-07 in the Joint Electronic Library: http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/new_pubs/jp3_07.pdf.

Esper has worked as an analyst with PKSOI in civilian capacity since 2004; prior to an Iraq deployment, he had joined the former Peacekeeping Institute in 2000 while on active duty. He applies the experience of a 28-year military career as an Infantry officer, with experience in operational planning and responsibility in 2004 as director of the Iraqi Forum, a civilian-military cooperation center in Baghdad.