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When Soldiers think of the word "doctrine," they may not necessarily think of easy to read, highly accessible guides; however, that's about to change with what the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) is calling "Doctrine 2015."

During an Oct. 10 panel presentation on Doctrine 2015 at the 2011 Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting, Brig. Gen. Charles Flynn, U.S. Combined Arms Center acting director, spoke on the new look of Army doctrine.

Flynn used the first publication of the new concept -- Army Doctrine Publication 3-0 (Unified Land Operations) -- to emphasize the importance of capturing the lessons learned from the past 10 years of war. Equally as important, he added, was to deliver the doctrine using interactive tools and modes that young Soldiers and leaders use.

"With today's generation learning differently, we have to deliver tools that are much more interactive," he said.

Retired Col. Clinton Ancker III, panel member and director of the Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate addressed several innovations of Doctrine 2015, including what it should look like, how to best get the message across and how to get the information into doctrine.

"What would ADP 3-0 look like if it were only 10 pages?" Ancker asked. He explained that Doctrine 2015 is a fundamental restructuring, to create fewer, shorter, more accessible and more collaborative doctrine for the Army.

"This is the most significant change in how we format and present doctrine that the Army has undertaken, since we've been a doctrinal Army," Ancker said.

To accomplish this, the ADPs will be formatted to be concise. How concise? Most will run no more than 10 or 11 pages.

Army Doctrine Reference Publications (ADRP) will be created to add a layer of information for those who want more, while Field Manuals will serve as the most comprehensive reference manuals in the series.

At the edge of these written texts, Soldiers will access and contribute information through wiki-platforms, digital applications and other modes of interactive media.

TRADOC expects to have all of the ADPs and supporting ADP completed by late summer of 2012. The FMs are expected to be completed by the summer of 2014.

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