

ASSIGNMENTS

Typically, ORSA analysts are assigned to:

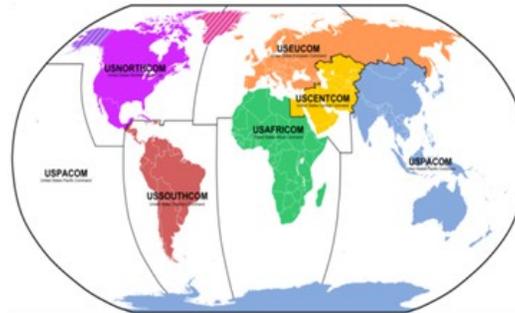
- Division, Corps, and Army Service Component Commands.
- Joint Command and Defense staffs.
- Analytic Agencies, such as the Center for Army Analysis (CAA), Training and Doctrine Command Analysis Center (TRAC), the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA), and Theater-level Joint Commands.
- Instructional Institutions such as the US Military Academy, Army Logistics University, Naval Post-Graduate School, and the Air



REACHBACK CAPABILITIES

ORSA analysts are supported by CONUS organizations, such as, but not limited to, the Center for Army Analysis (CAA), the Training and Doctrine Command Analysis Center (TRAC), and the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) with reachback capabilities.

Reachback offers commands greater resources to apply when the complexity or scope of a given problem exceeds organic capabilities (all projects/studies are sponsored by the requesting commands).



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Assisting Commanders to
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DECISION SUPPORT

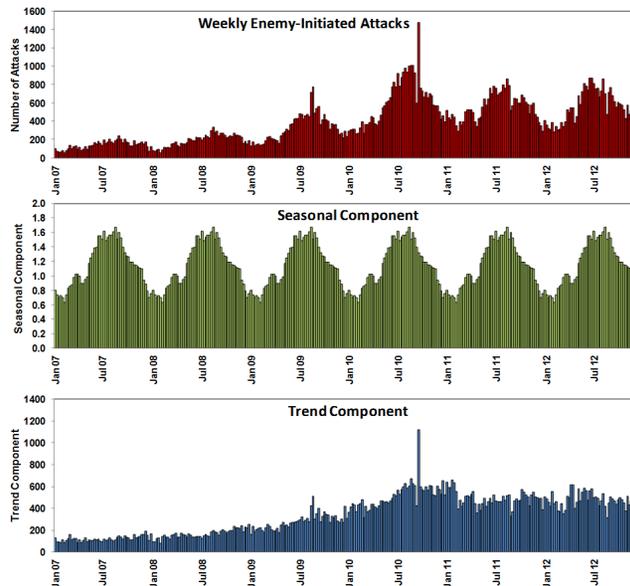
“Commanders make and implement decisions based on information. Information imparts structure and shape to military operations. It fuels understanding and fosters initiative.” (ADP 6.0).

The Operations Research/Systems Analysis Functional Area and CP- 36 provide uniquely skilled analysts that assist decision makers in solving complex problems by producing the analysis and logical reasoning necessary to inform and underpin critical decisions.

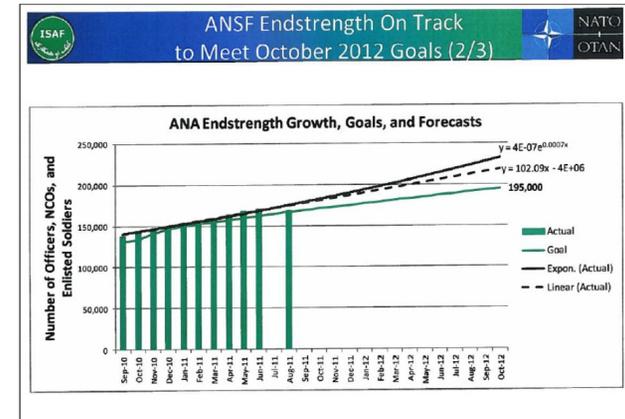
The Operations Research/Systems Analysis analyst is an integral part of the Army and Joint leaders’ decision-making processes to organize, man, train, equip, sustain, and resource transformation from the current to the future force and conduct analysis in support of Overseas Contingency Operations and other warfighting operations.

ANALYTIC FOCUS AREAS

- Analyzing significant event data in order to identify spatial and temporal trends;
- Developing strategies to effectively allocate or employ limited resources;
- Improving supply chain and logistics operations;
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative assessments of current operations;
- Measuring risk and uncovering factors critical to managing and reducing risk; and,
- Evaluating the potential benefit of changes to tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs).



ASSESSMENTS



ORSA analysts are key to developing assessments that are considered essential in mission command (ADP 6.0).

Operation assessment is “an operational activity that supports decision making by determining progress toward accomplishing a task, creating an effect, or achieving an objective or end state for the purpose of making operations and campaigns more effective.” (JP 5-0 proposal).

An assessment process is a robust effort to improve our understanding of the operating environment (OE) and our place in it. It is informed by rigorously collected data given meaning by appropriate analyses, and the process is done explicitly for the purpose of making operations more effective.