#### **Panel Discussion**

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## **ADVANCING OPERATIONAL CULTURE**

**EVOLVING OPERATIONS BEYOND THE TECHNICAL** 

## The Future?



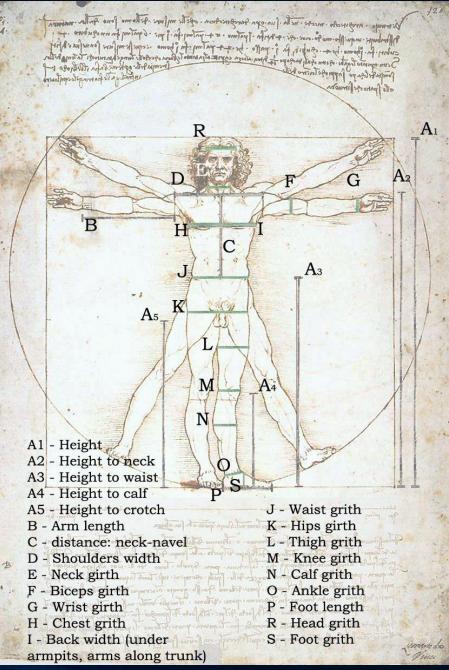
#### **Environmental Characteristics**



- Speed
- High consequence
- Limited control
- Dynamic
- Unknown components
- Chaos or high disorder
- Friction

#### **The Human Machine**





## The IMT is a decisional processing system



#### The Next Mountain:

#### Mastering the Human Components of the Operation



# **3** Advancement Components

• Establishing a cultural expectation or model

• Leader behavior that reinforces and models the values of the culture

Development of the "Operational Arts"

## Establishing a cultural frame or base

- Culture is a set of shared values or beliefs (behaviors, rituals)
- Many value sets can co-exist, but tend to be contextual
- When there are conflicts in the value sets, problems develop
- A value set serves all levels of the organization, but manifest in different behaviors depending upon the job

#### Collectively...

 Culture provides a foundation for, but also limits decision-making and behavior, effecting:

- Initiative
- Flexibility
- Authority relationships (power distance)
- Willingness to communicate
- Error detection and correction ability
- Foundational fear and trust relationships

#### **Producing (or inhibiting)**

- Speed
- Effectiveness
- Performance
- Resiliency
- Cohesion
- Adaptiveness



## **Strengthening Culture – three lenses**

Crew Resource Management (CRM)

 aviation 1970s-80s

 High Reliability Organizing (HRO) 80s-90s



Mission-Driven Values (M-DV) 2011

#### **Mission-Driven Values**

- First articulated in 2011 by MCS development team during an IMT analysis effort
- Six mission-related core operating values that were common to the most effective teams
- Are applicable to all levels of the organization, but behaviors determinant on position

### **Mission-Driven Values**



- Service for the common good
- High trust state

**Dedication to:** 

- Pursuit of truth
- Form and function defined by the end state
- Individual initiative
- Continuous improvement

# **3** Advancement Components

- Establishing a cultural expectation or model
- Leader behavior that reinforces and models the values of the culture
- Development of the "Operational Arts"
  - Mission Command
  - Operations Tempo
  - Principles of Operations
  - Etc.

SYSTEM OF THOUGHT THAT SUPPORTS ADVANCED OPERATIONS



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