

Military students learn valuable lessons on Salisbury Plain

Military students gathered on Salisbury Plain to learn how a British Army division is deployed during a display of the capabilities of a 'Land formation'.

The annual "Land Combat Power" demonstration took place recently over three days, organised by troops from 3rd (United Kingdom) Division based in Bulford.

Senior military students from the Defence Academy, based in Shrivenham, took to the Plain, as well as officers attending the Captain's Warfare Course in Warminster.

The display included a 'Combined Arms Manoeuvre Demonstration' with Challenger 2 tanks and Warrior armoured vehicles simulating an attack on an enemy position and a 'Sustainment operations' stand with staged combat logistic patrols.

There was also a fully-deployed Divisional Headquarters to showcase the range of capabilities a Land Commander would orchestrate in any future operations.

The Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Zac Stenning, said:

"It is important for us to understand about Land Combat Power as we come back from Afghanistan and return to contingency, because we haven't really touched a lot of this we properly for the past six to eight years.

"So, reigniting the flame, understanding the complexity of moving by day and night with sophisticated kit and equipment, and working with a variety of people and different capabilities, is incredibly important."

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Lieutenant Colonel Mark Hiskett, Principal Training Safety Officer, DIO Operations Training South West, said:

"DIO's priority is to support our Armed Forces as they prepare for operations. Salisbury Plain is the ideal training ground to hold demonstrations of this type and size, and we are proud to be able to offer the facilities that enable our military personnel to learn valuable combat lessons."

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IMG_0893: Warrior armoured vehicle from 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment during the 'Land Combat Power' demonstration on Salisbury Plain, organised by the British Army's 3rd (UK) Division based in Bulford, Wiltshire.

IMG_0954: On track - A Challenger 2 tank on Salisbury Plain for the British Army's annual 'Land Combat Power' demonstration, organised by 3rd (UK) Division based in Bulford, Wiltshire.

P1010361: A staged combat logistic patrol in Bulford during the 'Sustainment' display of the 'Land Combat Power' demonstration.