# The Combat Vehicle Conference

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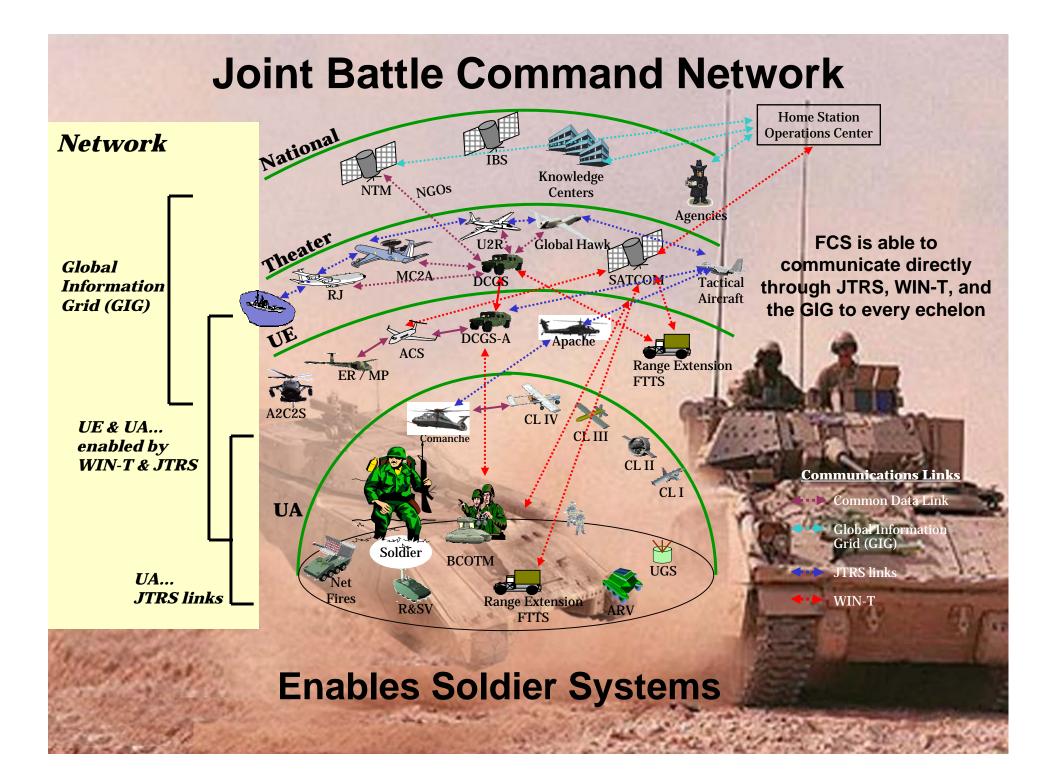


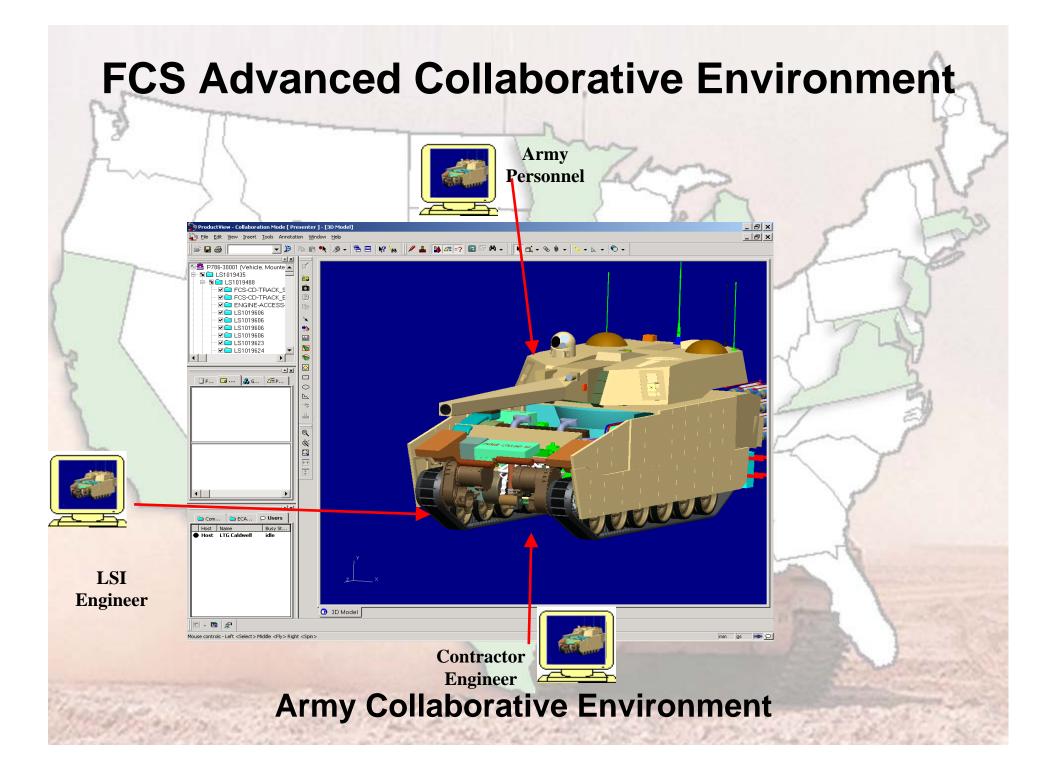
### **How We Got There**

### Stryker--Model for the Future









#### **ARMY ACQUISITION CORPS**

## We

## **Must Change**

to Lead

# Back-up

#### Contractors on the Battlefield

- Contractor Support of Modern Weapon Systems essential to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and future combat operations
- ✓ 4,000 Contractors in Southwest Asia (SWA) in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT)
- Contractor Coordination Cell (CCC) established within Logistics Support Element, SWA
- Senior officer from Program Manager organization served as deputy with small staff
- Contractor Coordination Cell Model a template for future operations and formations (Stryker Brigade)

#### Main Battle Tank

- ✓ No catastrophic losses due to enemy action
- Destruction due to secondary enemy effects
- Fear of technology compromise caused decision to destroy abandoned vehicles

 Need to define and train crews on how to destroy a main battle tank

Comment by users – "The M1, Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and HUMMV, I'd like to take them home with me."