

CHAPTER 6 SUMMARY

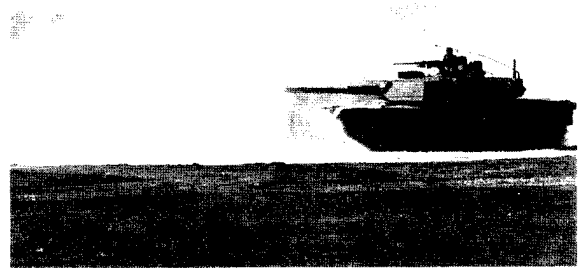
The Army's fundamental purpose is to fight and win the nation's wars by establishing the conditions for lasting peace through land force dominance. The demonstrated ability to accomplish this mission supports the overarching national security objectives of deterring war and promoting peace. To be able to deter war, the Army must maintain high quality, trained and ready forces, some forward deployed, the rest capable of rapid deployment. Major hostilities will require rapid expansion of both Active and Reserve Components, as well as the mobilization of the defense industrial base.

The Army's role is to gain victory on the battlefield through the swift, overwhelming application of maximum available combat power. This destructive act must be focused to minimize collateral effects and to promote the peace which must follow. The ends for which combat power is employed must be clear, achievable, and understood by leaders at all levels.

The Army may also be called upon to perform a wide range of tasks in operations other than war. Such operations, including peace operations, require the same level of professional execution as operations in a hostile environment. These missions help secure our national interests and promote peace.

The Army must remain a doctrine-based, values-centered institution, with its moral justification rooted in the fundamental principles cherished by all free people and manifested in the values stated in our Constitution. The Army must be composed of professionals who:

- Live the Army's professional values: Duty, Integrity, Loyalty, and Selfless Service; and



- Develop the core qualities of commitment, competence, candor, compassion and courage in themselves and in those for whom they are responsible.

The success or failure of American national security policy will be determined by well-trained, well-equipped and well-led American soldiers. America's Army stands ready as the force of future victory . . . count on us!

**America's Army. . .
trained and ready to fight,
serving the nation,
at home and abroad,
capable of decisive victory,
into the 21st century.**



The Victors!