

## Conventional Ammunition Support Posture

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As we enter the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, I would like to provide a very macro level update as to where we are in terms of our conventional ammunition support posture. First, the outcome of the recent Program Objective Memorandum (POM) 12 deliberations resulted in a net loss in the POM Years of FY12-FY16 of approximately \$334 millions dollars. This is a significant reduction with the end-state resourcing \$2.4 billion in ammo procurements in these POM years. At that level, approximately \$495M annual average, we will simply keep pace with the \$500M annual live fire training expenditures. Even with the several high procurement years between FY06-FY10 now delivering to the stockpile, we will have short-falls for sometime. For example, in FY08 we procured just over \$1 billion in conventional ammunition which, based on production lead times, now delivering to our stockpile. However, as funding begins to level off, and with the unknowns of receiving future Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funds, our short-falls increase each year as we progress towards FY16. Given the historical perspective that ammunition has never been fully funded, I still remain optimistic that we can support the all high priority ammo requirements while accepting risk in some categories of the Total Munitions Requirement (TMR). With the support of LtCol Leighty, our MCCDC Ammo lead and his Ammunition Working Group (AWG), we will work to ensure continued, unfettered ammo support across the Corps while accepting only minimal risk to our War Reserve Stocks.

