

# Preface

## Purpose and Scope

The support structure and sustaining requirements throughout the deployed theater recognized the need for specific resource-intensive visual information operations. Chapter 3 of this manual partially identifies the force structure required, which as of this date has not been approved for implementation. If the concept to implement is not approved by the print date of this publication, commanders and staffs should continue to be aware of the necessity to support and “capture the action” whether in support of operational requirements or for the preservation of history.

This publication is the Army’s and the Marine Corps’ principal manual for using visual information systems and forces in support of the operational through the tactical levels of war. It provides a foundation for understanding how visual information supports AirLand and Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations Doctrine and describes the qualities and features of visual media. This manual serves as a guide for all Active and Reserve Component personnel who plan, program, prepare, deploy, and use Army and Marine forces.

FM 24-40/FMFM 3-8 provides the doctrinal foundation for tactical visual information force design, combat development, professional development, and training. It establishes that visual images of the battlefield are important to the commander for operational decision making in the conduct of tactical operations. This manual clarifies the roles of the combat camera soldier and Marine in capturing visual information on the battlefield. It explains visual information capabilities and how visual information can be used at each echelon of command.

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