The Army After Next (AAN) project, led by the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), was initiated by the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) in February 1996. The project's goals are to link Force XXI to a long-term vision of the Army—extending well into the next century—and to ensure that this vision informs evolving Army research and development requirements. The Arroyo Center is supporting TRADOC in this effort.

As part of the AAN project, TRADOC is conducting a series of high-level wargames to explore issues affecting the development of the U.S. Army circa 2010. The first was held at the Center for Leadership Development at the Army War College from January 27 to February 7, 1997. The Arroyo Center's role is to assist TRADOC by (1) providing an analytical framework to evaluate the AAN, based on RAND's "strategies-to-task" methodology; (2) identifying issues, derived from strategic objectives in the framework, that could be explored in the wargames; (3) managing the collection of data from high-level participants in the games; and (4) assessing game results. This report addresses the design of the Winter Wargame, suggests improvements in its execution, and also discusses the role of the wargame process in a broader AAN analysis.

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