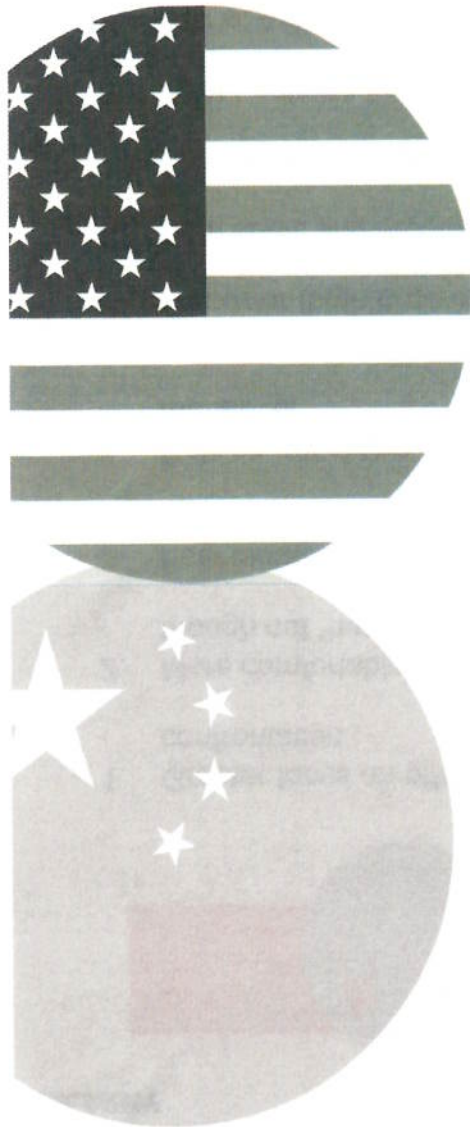
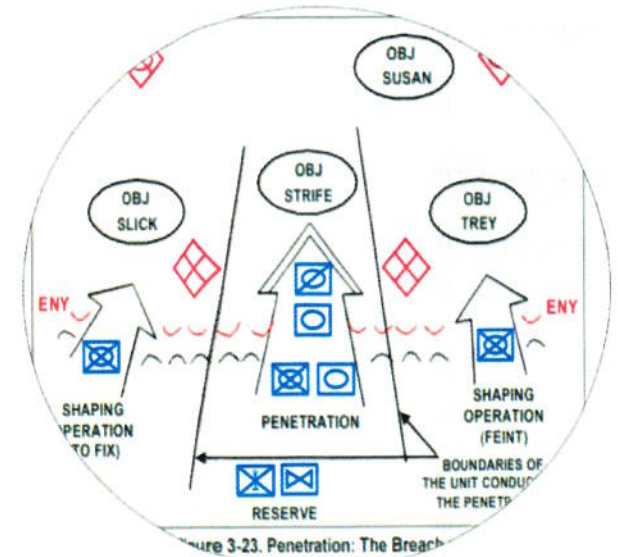




# PLAA vs USA: Similarities



- ✓ Fight as part of larger unit with enablers (Group Army vs. Corps)
- ✓ Strong commitment to **combined arms** at all echelons
- ✓ Seek meaningful **joint integration** even at tactical echelons
- ✓ Seek to engage the enemy in **deep areas** and **isolate** strong points for reduction later
- ✓ Seek to create **multiple dilemmas** for the enemy
- ✓ Integration of **maneuver and firepower**
- ✓ Commitment to **decentralized command**





# PLAA vs USA: Key Differences



1. Greater focus on offset vs direct confrontation
2. More comfortable with casualties, though not "human wave"
3. Fear isolation; prefer units to always be well supported
4. Rely on deception and trickery over maneuver
5. Heavy reliance on ground-based firepower (both organic & reinforcing)
6. Both static and mobile defenses
7. Air defense over air superiority
8. Joint Logistics Force
9. Unit of Action CAB



1. Objective is meet and defeat the enemy in close combat
2. Low casualty operations are the expectation
3. Embrace isolation: "*semi-independent operations*"
4. Offensive tactics based on rapid maneuver over all terrain
5. Heavily reliant on joint firepower, although new systems on horizon
6. Defense is typically maneuver/mobile
7. Reliant on air and naval superiority
8. Services retain logistics capabilities
9. Change from BCT to Division centric