CLAIMS

1. A networked battle system comprising:

a communication network;

a first rifle that includes at least one accessory coupled thereto that determines a bearing of the first rifle;

a communication element allowing the at least one accessory to provide bearing information to the communication network;

a battle management system in communication with the first rifle through the communication network that receives the bearing information from the accessory and updates a battle plan based on the bearing information to form an updated battle plan; and

a display screen coupled to the first rifle that displays the updated battle plan.

2. The networked battle system of claim 1, further comprising:

a battlefield device including a display device attached thereto;

wherein the battle management system provides the updated battle plan to the display device through the communication network.

3. The networked battle system of claim 2, wherein the updated battle plan is a map that includes an indication of a location of a target.

4. The networked battle system of claim 3, wherein the communication network is a wireless local area network (WLAN).

5. The networked battle system of claim 4, wherein the WLAN connects directly to the at least one accessory and the communication element is part of the at least one accessory.

6. The networked battle system of claim 2, wherein the first rifle further includes a laser distance measurement device and the updated battle plan is formed in

part based on distance information received by the battle management system from the laser distance measurement device through the communications network.

7. The networked battle system of claim 2, wherein the battlefield device is a rifle that includes a microprocessor that receives the updated battle plan and provides it to the display device.

8. The networked battle system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor connects directly to the communication network and includes the communication element.

9. The networked battle system of claim 7, wherein the communication element is a radio device in communication with the communication network and the microprocessor.

10. The networked battle system of claim 9, wherein the radio device is wirelessly coupled to the microprocessor.

11. The networked battle system of claim 9, wherein the radio device is coupled to the microprocessor through a cable or wire.

12. A networked battle system comprising:

a communication network;

a first battlefield device that includes at least one accessory coupled thereto that determines a location of the first battlefield device and a display device;

a distance determining device separate from the battlefield device, the distance determining providing a distance from it to a target and a location of the distance determining device to the communication network; and

a battle management system in communication with the first battlefield device and the distance determining device through the communication network that receives the distance determining device location and the distance to the target and updates a

battle plan based the information from the distance determining device to form an updated battle plan.

13. The networked battle system of claim 12, wherein the battle management system provides the updated battle plan to the first battlefield device through the communication network.

14. The networked battle system of claim 12, wherein the first battlefield device is a rifle that includes a microprocessor that receives the updated battle plan and provides it to the display device.

15. The networked battle system of claim 12, wherein the at least one accessory is a global positioning device and includes the display device.

16. The networked battle system of claim 15, wherein the updated battle plan is a map that includes an indication of a location of the target.

17. The networked battle system of claim 16, wherein the communication network is a wireless local area network (WLAN).

18. The networked battle system of claim 17, wherein the WLAN connects directly to the at least one accessory and the communication element is part of the at least one accessory.

19. The networked battle system of claim 12, further comprising:

a firearm that includes at least one fire arm accessory coupled thereto that determines a location of the firearm and a display device.

20. The networked battle system of claim 19, wherein the battle management system provides the updated battle plan to the firearm through the communication network.

21. The networked battle system of claim 20, wherein the firearm includes a microprocessor that receives the updated battle plan and provides it to the display device.

22. The networked battle system of claim 19, wherein the at least one fire arm accessory is a global positioning device and includes the display device.

23. An indirect firing system comprising:

a firearm having a communication system;

an inclinometer that measures an inclination of the firearm;

a roll sensor that measures the roll angle of the firearm;

a bearing sensor that measures a bearing of a projectile that the firearm launches;

a computing device in communication with the communication system, the computing device, in operation, receiving bearing, roll and inclination information for the firearm from the communication system and displaying a map in a region near the firearm and a projected impact location of the projectile based on the bearing, roll and inclination information; and

at least one accessory coupled to the firearm that includes a display device that displays the map of the region and the projected impact location on the map.

24. The system of claim 23, further comprising:

a global positioning system (GPS) receiving device that receives an indication of the location of the firearm.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the computing device selects the map based on the indication of the location of the firearm.