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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>AADC:</b>	Area Air Defense Commander
<b>AADP:</b>	Area Air Defense Plan
<b>AAFES:</b>	Army Air Force Exchange Service
<b>AB:</b>	Air Base
<b>ABS:</b>	Air base squadron
<b>ABU:</b>	Airman Battle Uniform
<b>ACA:</b>	Airspace control authority
<b>ACC:</b>	Air Combat Command
<b>AD:</b>	Active Duty
<b>ADAPT:</b>	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment
<b>ADC:</b>	Areas Defense Council
<b>ADCON:</b>	Administrative Control
<b>ADSC:</b>	Active Duty Service Commitment
<b>AEF:</b>	Air Expeditionary Force
<b>AETC:</b>	Air Education and Training Command
<b>A&amp;FRC:</b>	Airman & Family Readiness Center
<b>AFAF:</b>	Air Force Assistance Fund
<b>AFAS:</b>	Air Force Aid Society
<b>AFAUX:</b>	Air Force Auxiliary
<b>AFB:</b>	Air Force Base
<b>AFCENT:</b>	Air Forces Central
<b>AFCERT:</b>	Air Force Computer Emergency Response Team
<b>AFFOR:</b>	Air Force Forces
<b>AFGSC:</b>	Air Force Global Strike Command
<b>AFI:</b>	Air Force Instruction
<b>AFIT:</b>	Air Force Institute of Technology
<b>AFLC:</b>	Air Force Logistics Command
<b>AFNOC:</b>	Air Force Network Operations Center
<b>AFNSEP:</b>	Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness Agency
<b>AFOQT:</b>	Air Force Officer Qualifying Test
<b>AFMC</b>	AF Materiel Command
<b>AFPAAS:</b>	AF Personnel Accountability & Assessment System
<b>AFPC:</b>	AF Personnel Center
<b>AFRC:</b>	Air Force Reserve Command
<b>AFSC:</b>	Air Force Specialty Code
<b>AFSOC:</b>	Air Force Special Operations Command
<b>AFSOF:</b>	Air Force Special Operations Forces
<b>AFSP:</b>	Air Force Strategic Plan
<b>AFSPC:</b>	Air Force Space Command
<b>AFSPC/CC:</b>	Commander, Air Force Space Command
<b>AFT:</b>	Air Force Task
<b>AFTL:</b>	Air Force Task List
<b>AFTTP:</b>	Air Force Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures
<b>AFW2:</b>	Air Force Wounded Warrior Program
<b>AIS:</b>	Air Intelligence Squadron
<b>ALC:</b>	Air Logistics Center
<b>ALCF:</b>	Airlift Control Flight
<b>ALERTORD:</b>	Alert Order
<b>ALS:</b>	Airmen Leadership School

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<b>AMC:</b>	Air Mobility Command
<b>AMN:</b>	Airman
<b>AMOCC:</b>	Air Mobility Operations Control Center
<b>AMOG:</b>	Air Mobility Operations Group
<b>AMOS:</b>	Air Mobility Operations Squadron
<b>AMS:</b>	Air Mobility Squadron
<b>AMT:</b>	Air Mobility Team
<b>ANG:</b>	Air National Guard
<b>APO:</b>	Air Post Office
<b>ARC:</b>	American Red Cross
<b>ARC:</b>	Air Reserve Component
<b>ASL:</b>	Above Sea Level
<b>ASOC:</b>	Air Support Operations Center
<b>AT:</b>	Annual Tour
<b>ATC:</b>	Air Traffic Control
<b>AU:</b>	Air University
<b>AWACS:</b>	Airborne Warning And Control System (Aircraft fitted with long range radar that provide tactical and target information to air and ground control units)
<b>AWC:</b>	Air Warfare Center
<b>AWL:</b>	Above Water Level
<b>AWOL:</b>	Absent Without Leave
<b>C2:</b>	Command and Control
<b>BAH:</b>	Basic Allowance for Housing
<b>BAQ:</b>	Basic Allowance for Quarters
<b>BAS:</b>	Basic Allowance for Subsistence
<b>BDU:</b>	Battle Dress Uniform
<b>BMT:</b>	Basic Military Training
<b>BOQ:</b>	Bachelor Officer Quarters
<b>BX/PX:</b>	Base Exchange (AF); Post Exchange (Army)
<b>CAR:</b>	Casualty Assistance Representative
<b>CC:</b>	Commander
<b>CCAF:</b>	Community College of the Air Force
<b>Ccdr:</b>	Combatant Commander
<b>CCF:</b>	First Sergeant
<b>CCMSGT:</b>	Command Chief Master Sergeant
<b>CCO:</b>	Contingency Contracting Officer
<b>CDC:</b>	Career Development Course
<b>CDC:</b>	Child Development Center
<b>CDR:</b>	Commander
<b>CDRUSCENTCOM:</b>	Commander, United States Central Command
<b>CDRUSEUCOM:</b>	Commander, United States European Command
<b>CDRUSJFCOM:</b>	Commander, United States Joint Forces Command
<b>CDRUSPACOM:</b>	Commander, United States Pacific Command
<b>CDRUSSTRATCOM:</b>	Commander, United States Strategic Command
<b>CDRUSTRANSCOM:</b>	Commander, United States Transportation Command
<b>CE:</b>	Civil Engineer
<b>CFC:</b>	Combined Federal Campaign
<b>CIA:</b>	Central Intelligence Agency
<b>CINC:</b>	Commander in Chief, President of the United States
<b>CJCS:</b>	Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
<b>COB:</b>	Close of Business

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<b>COLA:</b>	Cost of Living Allowance
<b>COMAFFOR:</b>	Commander, Air Force forces
<b>COMAFSOF:</b>	Commander Air Force Special Operations Forces
<b>COMSPACEAF:</b>	Commander, Space Air Force Forces
<b>CONUS:</b>	Continental United States
<b>COOP:</b>	Continuity of Operations
<b>COS:</b>	Chief of Staff
<b>COT:</b>	Commissioned officer training
<b>CPO:</b>	Civilian Personnel Office
<b>CSS:</b>	Commander's Support Staff
<b>CSAF:</b>	Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
<b>CSAR:</b>	Combat search and rescue
<b>CSC2:</b>	Combat support command and control
<b>DECA:</b>	Defense Commissary Agency
<b>DEERS:</b>	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
<b>DEROS:</b>	Date Estimated Return from Overseas
<b>DFAS:</b>	Defense Finance and Accounting System
<b>DHS:</b>	Department of Homeland Security
<b>DHHS:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services
<b>DIA:</b>	Defense Intelligence Agency
<b>DISA:</b>	Defense Information Systems Agency
<b>DITY:</b>	Do-It-Yourself Move
<b>DIW:</b>	Defensive Information Warfare
<b>DLA:</b>	Dislocation Allowance
<b>DLA:</b>	Defense Logistics Agency
<b>DOB:</b>	Date of Birth
<b>DOD:</b>	Department of Defense
<b>DOR:</b>	Date of Rank
<b>DOS:</b>	Date of Separation
<b>DOS:</b>	Department of State
<b>DPP:</b>	Deferred Payment Plan
<b>DS:</b>	Dependent Spouse
<b>DSN:</b>	Digital Switch Network
<b>DTS:</b>	Defense Transportation System
<b>DZ:</b>	Drop Zone
<b>EAF:</b>	Expeditionary Aerospace Force
<b>EFMP:</b>	Exceptional Family Member Program
<b>EPR:</b>	Enlisted Performance Report
<b>EI:</b>	Essential Elements of Information
<b>EFACC:</b>	Emergency Family Assistance Control Center
<b>EFMP:</b>	Exceptional Family Member Program
<b>EP:</b>	Emergency Procedures
<b>EPW:</b>	Enemy Prisoner of War
<b>EQUAL:</b>	Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing
<b>ETA:</b>	Estimated Time of Arrival
<b>ETS:</b>	Expiration of Term of Service
<b>ESC:</b>	Enlisted Spouses Club
<b>FAP</b>	Family Advocacy Program
<b>FEMA:</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency
<b>FEMS:</b>	Federal Emergency Medical System
<b>FISA:</b>	Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
<b>FLT:</b>	Flight

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<b>FM:</b>	Family Member
<b>GOV:</b>	Government Owned Vehicle
<b>GS:</b>	General Schedule
<b>GSU:</b>	Geographically Separated Unit
<b>GWOT:</b>	Global War on Terrorism
<b>HC:</b>	Chaplain Service office symbol
<b>HD:</b>	Homeland defense
<b>HHG:</b>	Household Goods
<b>HLS:</b>	Homeland Security
<b>HOLA:</b>	Housing Overseas Living Allowance
<b>HOR:</b>	Home of Record
<b>HOS:</b>	Home of Selection
<b>HQ:</b>	Headquarters
<b>IAW:</b>	In Accordance With
<b>Information Attack:</b>	Information Attack
<b>IG:</b>	Inspector General
<b>ILS:</b>	Instrument Landing System
<b>IPD:</b>	In-place Date
<b>JA/ATT:</b>	Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training
<b>JAG:</b>	Judge Advocate General
<b>JCS:</b>	Joint Chiefs of Staff
<b>JFC:</b>	Joint Force Commander
<b>JFSOCC:</b>	Joint Force Special Operations Component Commander
<b>JFTR:</b>	Joint Federal Travel Regulation
<b>JIOC:</b>	Joint Intelligence Operations Center
<b>JIT:</b>	Just in time
<b>JTS:</b>	Joint Training System
<b>JWAC:</b>	Joint Warfare Analysis Center
<b>LAF:</b>	Line of the Air Force
<b>LD/HD:</b>	Low Density/High Demand
<b>LES:</b>	Leave and Earnings Statement
<b>LM:</b>	Loadmaster
<b>LNO:</b>	Liaison Officer
<b>LOAC:</b>	Law of Armed Conflict
<b>MAJCOM:</b>	Major Command
<b>MFLC:</b>	Military Family Life Consultant
<b>MiIPDS:</b>	Military Personnel Data System
<b>MISREP:</b>	Mission Report
<b>MOP:</b>	Measure of Performance
<b>MOS:</b>	Military One Source
<b>MPS:</b>	Military Personnel Section
<b>MR:</b>	Mission Ready
<b>MRE:</b>	Meal Ready to Eat
<b>MTF:</b>	Military Treatment Facility
<b>MWR:</b>	Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
<b>NAF:</b>	Non-Appropriated Funds
<b>NCO:</b>	Non-commissioned Officer
<b>NCOIC:</b>	Non-commissioned Officer in Charge
<b>NEO:</b>	Non-combatant Evacuation Operation
<b>OCONUS:</b>	Outside the Continental United States
<b>OEF:</b>	Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
<b>OHA:</b>	Overseas Housing Allowance

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<b>OIC:</b>	Officer in Charge
<b>OIF:</b>	Operation IRAQI FREEDOM
<b>OPR:</b>	Office of Primary Responsibility
<b>OPR:</b>	Officer Performance Report
<b>ORI:</b>	Operational Readiness Inspection
<b>OSI:</b>	Office of Special Investigation
<b>OTS:</b>	Officer Training School
<b>OSC:</b>	Officers Spouses Club
<b>PACAF:</b>	Pacific Air Forces
<b>PCA:</b>	Permanent Change of Assignment
<b>PCM:</b>	Primary Care Manager
<b>PCS:</b>	Permanent Change of Station
<b>PFE:</b>	Promotion Fitness Exam
<b>PFR:</b>	Personal Financial Readiness
<b>PME:</b>	Professional Military Education
<b>POA:</b>	Power of Attorney
<b>POC:</b>	Point of Contact
<b>POTUS:</b>	President of the United States
<b>POV:</b>	Privately Owned Vehicle
<b>POW:</b>	Prisoner of War
<b>PRP:</b>	Personal Reliability Program
<b>RAP:</b>	Relocation Assistance Program
<b>RIF:</b>	Reduction in Force
<b>ROTC:</b>	Reserve Officer Training Corps
<b>RSVP:</b>	Respond if you Please (expects a yes or no)
<b>SARC:</b>	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
<b>SAPR:</b>	Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
<b>SATO:</b>	Scheduled Airlines Ticket Office
<b>SBP:</b>	Survivor Benefits Plan
<b>SecDef:</b>	Secretary of Defense
<b>SFS:</b>	Security Forces Squadron
<b>SGLI:</b>	Serviceman's Group Life Insurance
<b>SKT:</b>	Skills and Knowledge Test
<b>SLO:</b>	School Liaison Officer
<b>SOP:</b>	Standard Operating Procedure
<b>SORTIE:</b>	A flight or single flying
<b>SOS:</b>	Squadron officer's School
<b>STEP:</b>	Stripes for Exceptional Performers
<b>SSN/SSAN:</b>	Social Security Number
<b>SYSCON:</b>	Systems Control
<b>TA:</b>	Tuition Assistance
<b>TAFMSD:</b>	Total Active Federal Military Service Date
<b>TAP:</b>	Transition Assistance Program
<b>TDP:</b>	TriCare Dental Plan
<b>TDY:</b>	Temporary Duty
<b>TLA:</b>	Temporary Living Allowance
<b>TLE:</b>	Temporary Lodging Expenses
<b>TLF:</b>	Temporary Living Facility
<b>TMO:</b>	Traffic Management Office
<b>TO:</b>	Technical Order
<b>TPFDD:</b>	Time-Phased Force and Deployment Data
<b>TRICARE:</b>	The health care program serving Uniformed Service members,

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	retirees and their families worldwide
<b>TSP:</b>	Thrift Savings Plan
<b>UCI:</b>	Unit Compliance Inspection
<b>UCMJ:</b>	Uniform Code of Military Justice
<b>UE:</b>	Operation UNIFIED ENDEAVOR
<b>USAF:</b>	United States Air Force
<b>USAFE:</b>	United States Air Forces Europe
<b>USCENTAF:</b>	United States Central Command Air Forces
<b>USCENTCOM:</b>	United States Central Command
<b>USEUCOM:</b>	United States European Command
<b>USJFCOM:</b>	United States Joint Forces Command
<b>USNORTHCOM:</b>	United States Northern Command
<b>USPACOM:</b>	United States Pacific Command
<b>USSOCOM:</b>	United States Special Operations Command
<b>USSTRATCOM:</b>	United States Strategic Command
<b>USTRANSCOM:</b>	United States Transportation Command
<b>UTA:</b>	Unit Training Assembly
<b>VA:</b>	Veteran's Administration
<b>VAQ:</b>	Visiting Airman's Quarters
<b>VHA:</b>	Variable Housing Allowance
<b>VOQ:</b>	Visiting Officers Quarters
<b>WAPS:</b>	Weighted Airman Promotion System
<b>WG:</b>	Wage Grade
<b>WIC:</b>	Women, Infants, and Children's Program
<b>WMD:</b>	Weapons of Mass Destruction
<b>ZULU/GMT:</b>	Greenwich Mean Time

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## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Air and Space Expeditionary Force**

An organizational structure to provide forces and support rotationally, and thus on a relatively more predictable basis. They are composed of force packages of capabilities that provide rapid and responsive air and space power. Also called AEF. (AFDD 2)

### **Air Force Core Competencies**

Developing Airmen, technology-to-warfighting, and integrating operations are the Air Force core competencies. Core competencies are not doctrine, but are enablers of our doctrine. They begin to translate the central beliefs of doctrine into understandable concepts, and thus contribute to a greater understanding of doctrine. (AFDD 1)

### **Combat Search and Rescue**

Combat search and rescue is how the Air Force accomplishes the personnel recovery task. It is the Air Force's preferred mechanism for personnel recovery execution in uncertain or hostile environments and denied areas. Also called CSAR. (AFDD 2-1.6)

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## **Combat Support**

Fire support and operational assistance provided to combat elements. Also called CS. (JP 1-02) [Provides the foundation for and is the enabler of the Air Force distinctive capabilities. It includes the actions taken to ready, sustain, and protect personnel, assets, and capabilities through all peacetime and wartime military operations. Furthermore, it supports the unique contributions of air and space power: speed, flexibility, versatility, and global reach.] (AFDD 2-4) {Italicized words in brackets apply only to the Air Force and are offered for clarity.}

## **Commander, Air Force Forces**

The senior US Air Force officer designated as commander of the US Air Force component assigned to a joint force commander (JFC) at the unified, subunified, and joint task force level. In this position, the COMAFFOR presents the single US Air Force voice to the JFC. Also called COMAFFOR. (AFDDs 1, 2)

## **Coordination**

The necessary action to ensure adequate exchange of information to integrate, synchronize, and deconflict operations between separate organizations. Coordination is not necessarily a process of gaining approval but is most often used for mutual exchange of information. Normally used between functions of a supporting staff. Direct liaison authorized (DIRLAUTH) is used to coordinate with an organization outside of the immediate staff or organization. (AFDD 1)

## **Enemy**

An adversary who opposes one's will through use of force. (AFDD 2)

## **Full spectrum threat response program**

The single, integrated Air Force program to address the full spectrum of physical risks, threats, mitigation strategies, and passive defense measures. The primary missions of the Air Force full spectrum threat response program are to 1) save lives, 2) minimize the loss or degradation of resources, and 3) continue, sustain, and restore combat and combat support operational capability in an "all hazards" physical threat environment at Air force installations worldwide. The ancillary missions of the full spectrum threat response program are to support Department of Defense homeland defense operations and to provide military support to civil and host nation authorities in accordance with Department of Defense directives and through the appropriate combatant command. The full spectrum threat response program is managed by the office of the Civil Engineer, HQ USAF/A7C. Also called FSTR. (AFDD 2-10)

## **Information Assurance**

Information operations that protect and defend information and information systems by ensuring their availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and non-repudiation. This includes providing for restoration of information systems by incorporating protection, detection, and reaction capabilities. Also called IA. See also information; information operations; information system. (JP 1-02) [The Air Force prefers the DOD definition found in DODD 8500.1 "Measures that protect and defend

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## **information technology**

An umbrella term describing the suite of tools used for managing and processing information. These tools can include any communications device or computer, its ancillary equipment, software applications, and related supporting resources. Also called IT. (AFDD 2-5)

## **Leadership**

The art and science of influencing and directing people to accomplish the assigned mission. (AFDD 1-1)

## **Network Defense**

The employment of network-based capabilities to defend friendly information resident in or transiting through networks against adversary efforts to destroy, disrupt, corrupt, or usurp it. Also called NetD. (AFDD 2-5)

## **Network Operations**

The integrated planning and employment of military capabilities to provide the friendly net environment needed to plan, control and execute military operations and conduct Service functions. NetOps provides operational planning and control. It involves timecritical, operational-level decisions that direct configuration changes and information routing. Network operations risk management and command and control decisions are based on a fused assessment of intelligence, ongoing operations, commander’s intent, blue and gray situation, net health, and net security. NetOps provides the three operational elements of information assurance, network/system management, and information dissemination management. Also called NetOps. (AFDD 2-5)

## **Network Warfare Operations**

Network warfare operations are the integrated planning and employment of military capabilities to achieve desired effects across the interconnected analog and digital portion of the battlespace. Network warfare operations are conducted in the information domain through the dynamic combination of hardware, software, data, and human interaction. Also called NW Ops. (AFDD 2-5)

## **Personnel Recovery**

The aggregation of military, civil, and political efforts to obtain the release or recovery of personnel from uncertain or hostile environments and denied areas whether they are captured, missing, or isolated. That includes US, allied, coalition, friendly military, or paramilitary, and others as designated by the President or Secretary of Defense. Personnel recovery (PR) is the umbrella term for operations that are focused on the task of recovering captured, missing, or isolated personnel from harm’s way. PR includes but is not limited to theater search and rescue; combat search and rescue;

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search and rescue; survival, evasion, resistance, and escape; evasion and escape; and the coordination of negotiated as well as forcible recovery options. PR can occur through military action, action by nongovernmental organizations, other US Government-approved action, and/or diplomatic initiatives, or through any of these. Also called PR.(AFDD 2-1.6)

## **Policy**

Guidance that is directive or instructive, stating what is to be accomplished. It reflects a conscious choice to pursue certain avenues, and not others. Policies may change due to changes in national leadership, political considerations, or for fiscal reasons. At the national level, policy may be expressed in such broad vehicles such as the National Security Strategy. Within military operations, policy may be expressed not only in terms of objectives, but also in rules of engagement (ROE)—what we may or may not strike, or under what circumstances we may strike particular targets. (AFDD 1)

## **Services**

As related to security assistance, includes any service, test, inspection, repair, training, publication, technical or other assistance, or defense information used for the purpose of furnishing nonmilitary assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA) of 1961, as amended, or for making military sales under the US Arms Export Control Act of 1976, as amended. (AFDD 2-3.1)

## **Space Capability**

The ability of a space asset to accomplish a mission. 2. The ability of a terrestrialbased asset to accomplish a mission in space (e.g., a ground-based or airborne laser capable of negating a satellite). See also space; space asset. [JP 1-02] [The ability of a space asset or system to accomplish a mission.] (AFDD 2-2) {Words in brackets apply only to the Air Force and are offered for clarity.}

## **Space Control**

Combat, combat support, and combat service support operations to ensure freedom of action in space for the United States and its allies and, when directed, deny an adversary freedom of action in space. The space control mission area includes: surveillance of space; protection of US and friendly space systems; prevention of an adversary's ability to use space systems and services for purposes hostile to US national security interests; negation of space systems and services used for purposes hostile to US national security interests; and directly supporting battle management, command, control, communications, and intelligence. (JP 1-02) [Operations to attain and maintain a desired degree of space superiority by allowing friendly forces to exploit space capabilities while denying an adversaries ability to do the same (e.g. protection, prevention and negation). SC is achieved through offensive counterspace and defensive counterspace operations. Note: The Air Force uses counterspace as an equivalent definition of the space control mission.] Also called SC (AFDD 2-2) {Words in brackets apply only to the US Air Force and are offered for clarity.}

## **Sustainment**

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The provision of personnel, logistic, and other support required to maintain and prolong operations or combat until successful accomplishment or revision of the mission or of the national objective. (JP 1-02) [The Air Force's ability to maintain operations once forces engage. Sustainment involves the provision of personnel, logistics, and other support required to maintain and prolong operations or combat until successful accomplishment or revision of the mission or of the national objective.] (AFDD 2-4) {Words in brackets apply to the Air Force and are offered for clarity.}

## **US Country Team**

The senior, in-country, US coordinating and supervising body, headed by the chief of the diplomatic mission, usually an ambassador, and composed of the senior member of each represented US department or agency, as desired by the chief of the US diplomatic mission. (AFDD 2.3.1)

## **War**

Open and often prolonged conflict between nations (or organized groups within nations) to achieve national objectives. (AFDD 1)

## **Warfighters**

The air and space expeditionary task force (AETF) commander—the COMAFFOR—is the lead Air Force warfighter and exercises control over forces, assigned, attached, and in support. These AETF forces that are engaged in the operational and tactical levels of warfare are the COMAFFOR's warfighters. (AFDD 1)