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**Doctrine Advisory  
on  
Air Force Doctrine Restructure**



At the 2013 Doctrine Summit, Air Force leadership approved the restructure of Air Force doctrine from published Air Force Doctrine Documents (AFDDs) to the LeMay Center's on-line database located at <https://doctrine.af.mil>. Air Force e-Publishing's library of AFDDs is being rescinded, and the doctrine database is now the official home for Air Force doctrine.

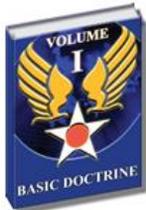


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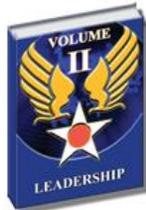
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The advantage of using a database over publications is a vastly improved consistency of language and content in doctrine as well as an improvement in the timeliness of updating doctrine. Thanks to the database, when a revision to doctrine is approved, the change occurs throughout Air Force doctrine in an instant rather than waiting for the years-long process of revising up to 30 AFDDs. In the past, an AFDD's revision has been delayed for years by debate and disagreement over one issue. While that debate and delay was valuable to ensure doctrine captures our best operating practices, disagreement over a single issue needlessly delayed the incorporation of many agreed upon changes.

The doctrine database is organized into 5 volumes, 29 supporting annexes, and over 900 doctrine topic modules. The volumes cover the overarching topics of “Basic Doctrine”, “Leadership”, “Command”, “Operations”, and “Support.” The volumes are supported by 29 annexes derived from the currently approved doctrine, and the annexes retain the corresponding joint pub nomenclature and numbering convention. For example, Annex 3-14, *Space Operations* contains the doctrine from AFDD 3-14, *Space Operations*, and corresponds to JP 3-14, *Space Operations*. The volumes and annexes are constructed from the doctrine topic modules which can be individually referenced. Each module covers a discrete doctrine topic; these doctrine topic modules will be revised when appropriate rather than full volumes and annexes, thus allowing focused and timely revisions.

The screenshot shows the website for the Curtis E. Lemay Center for Doctrine Development and Education. The header features the center's name and two logos. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Core Doctrine, Doctrine Annexes, and External Links, along with a search box. A dropdown menu is open under 'Doctrine Annexes', listing 29 items. 'Annex 3-14 Space Ops' is circled in red. On the left, there is a section for 'VOLUME IV OPERATIONS' with a download link and a last updated date of 29 Oct 13. The footer contains navigation links and the motto 'AT THE VERY HEART OF WARFARE LIES DOCTRINE'.

Similar to the functionality found in a “Wiki”-like application, users will find the database allows easy cross-referencing between different topics in doctrine. However, unlike a “Wiki”-like application, revising the doctrine database follows AFI 10-1301, *Air Force Doctrine Development* process, rather than allowing individual users to make changes.

To view the new look of Air Force doctrine, go to <https://doctrine.af.mil/>. For more information e-mail [LeMayCtr.weworkflow@maxwell.af.mil](mailto:LeMayCtr.weworkflow@maxwell.af.mil) or call DSN 493-9575. (Published 29 Oct 2013)

