

# AFDP 3-0, Operations

**AFDP 3-0 is the foundational doctrine on applying, commanding, and employing airpower.** It frames operations within the USAF functions and connects USAF capabilities to the joint functions through the tenets of airpower and principles of joint operations. Furthermore, it addresses the competition continuum, the application of military power, the chain of command, command relationships, force generation, and force presentation. **It also introduces the primacy of the C2 function and serves as the cornerstone for all USAF operational doctrine publications.**

## Airpower

The primary USAF contribution to warfighting is airpower. Airpower is the ability to project military power through control and exploitation in, from, and through the air.

## The Role of Airpower

Airpower is applied in the context of enduring competition that includes cooperation, adversarial competition, and armed conflict.

## USAF Functions and Capabilities

The USAF provides airpower through distinct capabilities that contribute to five core functions:

Air Superiority, Global Precision Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Global Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, Command and Control.

## Presenting Air Force Forces

Applying airpower depends on the USAF's ability to generate and present combat-ready forces:

Force Generation, Force Presentation, Units of Action, Levels of Force Presentation, Force Attachment Considerations, and Functional Air Force Forces.

## Commanding Air Forces

The USAF organizes, trains, and equips forces to apply airpower with centralized command from an air component commander:

Commander Air Force Forces, Joint Force Air Component Commander, Command Relationships and Authorities, and Assignment Allocations and Attachment of Forces.

## Airpower Application

The USAF's approach for applying airpower is driven by concepts and schemes of maneuver supporting joint operations:

Joint Warfighting Concept, Joint All-Domain Operations, Air Force Future Operating Concept and Agile Combat Employment.