

AFDP 5-0, Planning

Planning is how Airmen address and solve complex problems. It is the process through which Airmen frame a problem and provide solutions to achieve the full range of military objectives.

AIR FORCE DOCTRINE PUBLICATION AFDP 5-0 - Planning

The Air Force Planning Process facilitates collaborative and parallel planning as the higher headquarters solicits input and continuously shares information concerning future operations with subordinate and adjacent units, supported/supporting units, and other military and civilian partners.

THE USAF'S PROBLEM-SOLVING METHODOLOGY

Planning Initiation

Mission Analysis

COA Development

COA Analysis & Wargaming

COA Comparison

COA Approval

Plans & Orders Development



The Air Force Planning Process

- The Air Force Planning Process (AFPP) provides a scalable, problem-solving framework for USAF commanders to address Service-specific challenges and prepare for joint operations. The AFPP complements both the joint planning process (JPP) and the joint planning process for air (JPPA). JPP focuses on strategic and operational planning for joint staffs and commands, and JPPA emphasizes operational-level planning and C2 for joint air operations.
- The AFPP reflects the extant planning best practices of the USAF, which include modifying the JPPA to fit component operations, easily adaptable for all Airmen as they progress in their career, derived from the best of JPPA, tailored guidance for the unique planning needs of the Air Force.
- All services have their own unique planning process (based on JPP) as a means of incorporating Service-specific considerations.
- The AFPP does not restate the JPPA. AFDP 5-0 and the AFPP provide the Air Force's stance on planning considerations. AFDP 5-0 enables the USAF to innovate and update the JPPA with best practices and provide an official reference for Service equities.
- AFDP 5-0 provides a foundational and common problem-solving process for all Airmen to solve complex problems, by any USAF organization, but it is especially applicable to wings with A-staffs.
- All Airmen are planners. All Airmen must learn the AFPP. AFDP 5-0 is a stand-alone publication that provides a problem-solving process. All Airmen can use the AFPP to approach problems using a proven methodology that prepares them for easy transition to Joint Service roles.
- Planning is the missing link between understanding and communicating Command and Control. The AFPP addresses USAF doctrine gaps to enhance our overall effectiveness and enable USAF commanders to command in any environment.