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PROTECTION

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JADO VISION FOR PROTECTION

The JADO vision for protection is to protect and mitigate vulnerabilities in each domain using forces and capabilities from multiple domains. Just as convergence synchronizes all-domain action against adversary forces and capabilities, protection planning and execution mitigates threats to the joint force originating from any domain.

PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF PROTECTION

Threats to friendly forces and operations can emerge from any domain, and the varied nature of the threats dictates proactive and responsive protection operations, synchronized across domains, to facilitate a holistic defensive approach.

Traditionally, protection of friendly forces focuses on stopping or mitigating physical attacks from the land, air, or maritime domains. JADO requires protecting against threats using mission-type orders and conditions-based authorities, integrated planning and synchronization of effects, sharing of information, and all-domain risk identification and mitigation.

JADO protection requires evolution in indications and warning and understanding of the purpose of adversary attacks, relying heavily on intelligence and information. Just as all-domain warfare uses complementary attacks in multiple domains, JADO protection requires convergence of protection capabilities to prepare forces and then respond in all domains.

Agile Combat Employment (ACE)

ACE is a proactive and reactive operational scheme of maneuver executed within threat timelines to increase survivability while generating combat power.¹

ACE is an operations framework generating rapid and resilient combat airpower

¹ Memorandum from Air Combat Command/CD RE: "Air Force Agility Common Lexicon," 10 Jan 2020.

throughout an operational area in response to potential adversary anti-access and area denial efforts. ACE enhances survivability and the ability to seize the initiative, deliver lethal force with operational unpredictability, and succeed across the competition continuum. ACE requires multi-capable air and space professionals practicing centralized control and decentralized execution through delegation of authorities, a distributed joint [command and control](#) structure reliant upon mission-type orders, a network of resilient airbases, austere operating locations, and an adaptive logistics system.

ACE's use of dispersal and alert operations increases survivability of friendly capabilities, decreasing time and distance problems faced in large theaters, allowing forces to attack and defend quickly. To fully realize JADO protection, the use of nontraditional facilities and capabilities is necessary. Appendix B provides a list of key considerations for ACE.
