



POSTURE RESPONSIVE FORCES

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Posture responsive forces, one of the combat support (CS) [core capabilities](#), entails analyzing, structuring, scheduling, and processing force capabilities to support operational mission requirements. It also includes executing a positioning strategy to maximize CS responsiveness and speed of employment.

An [air component commander](#) employs CS functional communities to generate the CS core capability of posture responsive forces. The air component commander then uses the posture responsive forces capability in the CS core processes to create CS core effects. For example, posturing unit type codes (UTCs) during Readying the Force, tailoring for potential operational areas during Preparing the Operational Environment, and prioritizing manpower and equipment for Positioning the Force are all aspects of posturing responsive CS forces in order to generate CS effects.

The posture responsive forces core capability bridges the gaps between the planning and execution portions of any plan. Posturing involves a continuous global effort ranging from maintaining worldwide readiness of personnel, equipment, and units through training, exercising, and continuously assessing worldwide prepositioning equipment strategies.

Prioritizing and right-sizing forces and their equipment in UTCs are critical to ensuring adequate capability with the appropriate forward footprint. UTCs are developed to provide a variety of capabilities. The goal is to deploy right-sized UTCs to minimize tailoring. Right-sized UTCs provide a generic building block capability, greater flexibility to planners, and optimal support to the warfighter. At execution, tailoring should be accomplished based on mission and deployment location. UTCs are not self-sustainable and are made up of manpower, equipment, or both manpower and equipment. UTCs should be modular, scalable, deployable worldwide, to a single organization, and developed to fulfill a specific capability. Refer to AFI 10-401, [Air Force Operations Planning and Execution](#), for further details on the construct of UTCs.
