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GENERATE THE MISSION

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The Generate the Mission core capability includes preparing, configuring, launching, recovering, and regenerating weapon systems and payloads. It also includes conducting security cooperation engagements with partner nations as required in support of the combatant commander's theater campaign plan.

Generate the mission core capability provides for the availability of safe, serviceable, and properly configured and prepared Air Force forces to operate and conduct missions across the competition continuum. Considerations for systems support vary with different missions, and become increasingly difficult in a highly contested peer or near-peer conflict. Central to the ability of the air component commander staff to support the assigned mission is to have accurate and timely information in a common relevant operating picture for combat support. Combat support planners should be tightly linked with air operations center planners to ensure the optimal support of operational requirements. All planners should keep in mind the balance between mission production and regeneration. Requirements for ongoing operations in combat should be continually assessed for new demands on aircraft, space operations systems, cyberspace operations systems, personnel, and equipment to anticipate increases in mission requirements (use rate, sortie duration, etc.).

Combat support functional communities contain personnel, materiel, equipment, infrastructure, and information resources. These make up the essential elements required to generate missions and to support and sustain mission systems, components, equipment, and personnel in both peacetime and wartime environments.

Generate the mission core capability supports the Employ the Force core process and creates the core effect of an employed force.