Case Study Example: Kandahar Airfield
Afghanistan

In 2013, the Commander, 451 Air Expeditionary Wing, Kandahar Airfield (KAF), Afghanistan made base defense a primary objective. He drove cooperation between Air Force Office of Special Investigations Expeditionary Detachment 2413, intelligence liaison officers, Air Force Security Forces Tactical Security Element and the battlespace owners, as well as the coordination of dedicated ISR and strike resources. This Combined Base Defense (CBD) construct enabled an unprecedented increase in the identification and neutralization of threats to KAF. This resulted in a decrease of indirect fire (IDF) threats to the airfield of 72 percent and a period of six months with only two IDF events. The 451 AEW/CC had a greater ability to launch decisive combat airpower to meet the JFC and CFACC priorities. This was only possible through the integration of ISR specialists and resources with the FP mission set.
comprehensive understanding of the operational environment enhance the ability of FP forces to affect the battlespace through identification and tracking of potential threats to operations. Global integrated ISR should be used in concert with FP operations and analytical cells to create effects that will shorten the F2T2EA kill chain, thereby reducing the threat. This integration ensures the entire process is accomplished in accordance with commander’s FP objectives and the proper combination of complimentary assets is available to achieve these objectives.