SUMMARY OF REVISIONS TO
DOCTRINE ANNEX 3-01, COUNTERAIR OPERATIONS

Summary of Key Changes: 6 September 2019 - Formal Revision

- Revised content to reflect implementation of National Defense Strategy emphasis on peer and near-peer competition in a contested environment.
- Emphasized the importance of gaining and maintaining a desired degree of control of the air to meet joint force commander objectives.
- Increased discussion on planning considerations for operating in hostile environments and the capabilities to allow freedom of maneuver through contested environments.
- Realigned Annex 3-01 with Joint Publication (JP) 3-01, Countering Air and Missile Threats.
- Latest publication of JP 3-01 resolved key differences between AF and joint doctrine including the discussion of the relationship between counterair and integrated air and missile defense, and also the counterair definition and description placing focus on gaining and maintaining control of the air.
- Graphics were updated to reflect JP 3-01 graphics where practicable.
- Updated terms related to electromagnetic warfare and electromagnetic spectrum operations, to accord with recent changes in joint doctrine.
- Restructured annex to improve readability.
- Provided additional links to tactical level doctrine for additional discussion.
- Adjusted ‘tone’ as necessary – emphasized air is inherently joint.
- Verified and updated all hyperlinks.
- Terminology and abbreviations updated throughout.