

A Call to Arms...Fueled by Doctrine

Doctrine provides the common understanding that brings us together as Airmen. Regardless of individual specialties, we're more effective when everyone understands his or her role on the team. Our doctrine gives us an agreed upon, operationally relevant body of best practices and principles that allow us to continue to be the best, most capable Air Force on the planet. In today's complex global security environment, victory goes to the force that can most rapidly integrate and disseminate ideas. These ideas are driven by the distilled knowledge of all Airmen on how to operate wherever air and space power are required in the defense of our Nation and our allies. We must make difficult choices to prioritize what is most important as we field a lethal, resilient, and rapidly adapting joint force; our doctrine gives us the starting point to make sound choices.

In addition to articulating how we fight today, doctrine captures our legendary air and space power experience. On this website, you will find historic best practices which will help us expand the competitive space to seize the initiative and challenge our adversaries ... today and in the future. These guideposts help us understand what works, and we use them as a starting point when we employ air and space power every day. As Airmen, we must deliberately increase our operational proficiency to serve in a joint environment. Our Service doctrine serves a prerequisite for understanding and developing joint and multinational doctrine. We need you to be steeped in Air Force doctrine – it's a key building block in our pursuit of joint warfighting excellence.

Doctrine is constantly evolving. It guides us to meet and exceed the objectives of the National Defense Strategy. As we continuously improve the capability and capacity of air and space power, our ability to revolutionize operations and incorporate new concepts and technologies will develop the new best practices that shape future doctrine. Every Airman is an innovator and integral to this continuous development process – we must all connect, share, and learn together to succeed.

I encourage you to check out the website; it's an excellent opportunity to learn more about where we came from and what we do best. Take full advantage of this tool as we continue to build our doctrinal foundation for future Airmen and forge unbeatable air and space power for America. We've been embroiled in limited warfare for decades and it's time for us to read, understand, contemplate, and retool in the face of great power competition. As General Curtis LeMay rightfully said, "at the very heart of warfare lies doctrine."

Fight's on!


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