The commander, Air Force forces (COMAFFOR), when acting as the joint force air component commander may establish one or more joint air component coordination elements (JACCEs) with other component commanders’ headquarters to better integrate the air component’s operations with their operations, and with the supported joint task force (JTF) headquarters (if the theater COMAFFOR is designated in support to a JTF) to better integrate air component operations within the overall joint force.

The JACCE facilitates integration by exchanging current intelligence, operational data, and support requirements, and by coordinating the integration of COMAFFOR requirements for airspace coordinating measures, fire support coordinating measures, close air support, air mobility, and space requirements. As such, the JACCE is a liaison element, not a command and control (C2) node; thus, the JACCE normally has no authority to direct or employ forces. The JACCE should not replace, replicate, or circumvent normal request mechanisms already in place in the component/JTF staffs, nor supplant normal planning performed by the air operations center and AFFOR staff.

Normally, the JACCE should:

- Ensure the COMAFFOR is aware of each commander’s priorities and plans.
- Ensure the COMAFFOR staff coordinates within their surface component/JTF headquarters counterparts to work issues.
- Ensure appropriate commanders are aware of the COMAFFOR’s capabilities and limitations (constraints, restraints, and restrictions).
- Ensure appropriate commanders are aware of the COMAFFOR’s plan to support the surface commander’s scheme of maneuver and JFC’s intent and objectives.
- Facilitate COMAFFOR staff processes with the surface/JTF commanders. Provide oversight of other COMAFFOR liaisons to component/JTF headquarters staffs, if directed.
- Ensure information flows properly between the AOC, sister components, and the JFC.
• For the more complete discussion in Annex 3-30 (Command and Control) of this topic, click here.