



EXECUTION AND INFORMATION OPERATIONS

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Execution is a dynamic combination of theater and global operational processes requiring timely integrated employment of information-related capabilities (IRCs) throughout the joint operation plan.

The commander, Air Force forces (COMAFFOR) tasks IRC forces to execute operations via the tasking process, which is a part of the joint operation planning process for air (JOPPA). Within the air operations center (AOC), information operations (IO) and IRC specialists coordinate integration of IRC forces, mission, targets, and effects into theater operations via the joint air tasking cycle. Depending on the supporting IRC force, owning command, and relationship, the air tasking order (ATO) alone may constitute all the tasking information and coordination required to task an IRC force. However, tasking an IRC force will likely require IO and IRC specialists to coordinate with other theater operations centers or functional operations centers, which typically generate corresponding tasking orders of their own. Properly generated and coordinated taskings are vital to successful integration of theater and global operations. Not all operations, actions, and activities (OAAs) however, are captured in an ATO (e.g. engagements, exchanges, Red Horse projects, cyberspace operations). IO planners should maintain awareness of OAAs that have cognitive/behavioral impacts and integrate them into planning efforts

For assigned and attached IRC forces in-theater, execution of operations is tasked via the ATO. IO and IRC specialists primarily coordinate with tasking leads in the AOC's combat operations division and situationally advise external points of contact. For theater IRC forces assigned but not attached to the COMAFFOR, IO and IRC specialists coordinate with other theater operations centers to task those theater forces. For assigned IRC forces operating from outside of theater, this involves global IRCS, IO, and IRC specialists coordinating with functional operations centers to task those global forces through their corresponding tasking cycles (e.g., joint space tasking cycle) and tasking orders (e.g., joint space tasking order, cyber tasking order).

See Annex 3-0, Operations and Planning, for further information.
