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ANNEX 3-30 COMMAND AND CONTROL

PRESENTING AIR FORCE FORCES

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Modern operations require flexibility in execution to adapt to a wide variety of scenarios, which drives a need to assemble the right mix of forces from the appropriate Services to tailor the operation. This need to assemble the right forces drives a corresponding need for proper organization, [command and control mechanisms](#), and appropriate [command relationships](#). Current Service and joint doctrine provide useful guidance on organization; however, assembling a joint organization demands careful, conscious thought.

The following section draws from doctrine and experience to provide the basics of setting up and commanding an air component within a joint force:

- ✦ A high-level overview of the [component structure of a joint force](#).
- ✦ A discussion of some key points regarding [air component relationships within a joint force](#).
- ✦ A primer on the various [considerations for establishing an Air Force component](#) at various levels within a combatant command.
- ✦ Some considerations on [composition and uses of joint staffs](#).