



AIR FORCE COMPONENT SUPPORT TO JOINT AND MULTINATIONAL OPERATIONS (WX)

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Joint and Multinational Organizations

Air Force [weather](#) capabilities should be integrated with those of other Services and nations to provide coherent and structured weather operations to joint and multinational forces. To this end, Air Force weather personnel may be tasked to fill joint weather positions on a combatant commander (CCDR), joint force commander (JFC), joint force air component commander (JFACC), joint force land component commander (JFLCC), or joint force special operations component commander (JFSOCC) staff, or within a joint or combined [air operations center \(AOC\)](#).¹

Air Force Component Staff Level

In a joint or multinational operational environment, the [commander, Air Force forces](#) (COMAFFOR) exercises operational control (OPCON) and administrative control (ADCON) of all assigned and attached conventional Air Force [weather](#) personnel deployed to a theater.²

The CCDR's senior meteorological and oceanographic (METOC) officer (SMO) coordinates the weather capability needed to support the joint task force (JTF). In addition, the COMAFFOR should have weather personnel on the operations (A-3) staff and in the AOC. These personnel are involved in contingency planning and ensure the COMAFFOR's weather requirements are met.

The senior Air Force weather representative to the COMAFFOR is designated the COMAFFOR staff weather officer (SWO). The COMAFFOR SWO monitors and coordinates Air Force weather resources in theater, including those supporting conventional land forces and special operations forces (SOF), and advises the COMAFFOR A-staff on all matters related to employing Air Force weather resources. The COMAFFOR SWO also coordinates Air Force and Army requirements with the appropriate joint and coalition meteorological and oceanographic entities.³

¹ See JP 3-59, [Meteorological and Oceanographic Operations](#), for details on joint weather operations.

² For a detailed discussion on command relationship and authorities see Annex 3-30, [Command and Control](#)

³ See [JP 3-59](#) for further discussion on SWO support to joint weather operations.

The COMAFFOR SWO should also coordinate closely with counterparts on other JTF and component staffs. If the COMAFFOR is not dual-hatted as the JFACC, the COMAFFOR SWO should coordinate with the senior weather personnel supporting the JFACC's staff. Similar to the COMAFFOR SWO, staff weather officers of other components have functional support responsibilities and should coordinate their respective component requirements directly with their joint counterparts to deconflict responsibilities and ensure unity of effort.
