



ANNEX 3-60 TARGETING

TARGETING AND TARGETING RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES

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COMAFFOR Responsibilities¹

The targeting responsibilities of the [commander, Air Force forces](#) (COMAFFOR) are assigned by the [joint force commander](#) (JFC). As the air component facilitator for servicing of all targets nominated for [airpower](#) effects, the COMAFFOR is responsible for establishing a targeting process that meets the needs of the JFC and all represented components within the [air operations center](#) (AOC). Targeting processes are inherent to or affected by the COMAFFOR responsibilities listed below.

- ✦ Plan, coordinate, integrate, task, and direct the joint air effort in accordance with the JFC's guidance and joint force objectives.
- ✦ Develop a [joint air operations plan](#) (JAOP) derived from the JFC's broader objectives for the operation, and guidance regarding the roles, missions, tasks, and responsibilities of joint capabilities and forces.
- ✦ Recommend, after consulting with other component commanders, [apportionment](#) of the joint air effort that should be devoted to various air operations for a given period of time.
- ✦ Translate [air apportionment](#) into [allocation](#) and develop targeting guidance into the air tasking order, which may include specific aimpoints.
- ✦ Conduct target development and produce required target materials for operational and tactical level force employment planning and execution.
- ✦ Direct and ensure deconfliction of joint air operations.
- ✦ Integrate and synchronize joint air operations.
- ✦ Coordinate with the appropriate components, national agencies, and liaison elements for synchronization and deconfliction with land, maritime, space, [cyberspace](#), and special operations.

¹ These are the COMAFFOR's responsibilities unless the JFC has appointed a Joint Force Air Component Commander (JFACC).

- ✦ Coordinate with the appropriate components' agencies and liaison elements for tasking of the capabilities and forces made available.
- ✦ Monitor execution and redirect joint air component operations as required.
- ✦ Compile component target requirements and prioritize targets based on JFC guidance.
- ✦ Establish [rules of engagement](#) (ROE) and [special instructions](#) (SPINS) that state clear [combat identification](#) (CID) requirements; for example, which CID systems may be used, who can declare a track hostile, etc.
- ✦ Accomplish [tactical](#) and [operational assessment](#) and support accomplishment of campaign and national assessment.

Unit-Level Targeting Responsibilities

Individual units have targeting responsibilities that support and enhance [air operating center](#) (AOC) efforts and tactical-level execution. Commanders, mission planners, and intelligence specialists within these units should ensure the validity and accuracy of the targeting information provided them for mission planning purposes. This responsibility may include verification of [air tasking order](#) (ATO) guidance coordinates and adjudication of problems with the AOC if errors or conflicts become evident. Specific data provided to mission planners should be checked for integrity, including verification of the [joint desired point of impact](#) (JDPI) coordinates and elevations, weapon azimuths and impact dive angles, and fusing instructions when direct electronic transfer of such data is not possible or fails.

Considerable benefits are realized when air and ground units work together directly to accomplish mission planning at the tactical level. Army ground liaison officers (GLO) working with tactical air units can provide insight into ground component plans and offer direct coordination for missions flown in support of the ground commander's intent. Air liaison officers (ALO) are aligned with tactical ground maneuver units and serve as advisors to ground commanders on targeting and other aspects of [airpower](#). Such coordination is essential for joint operations.
