



## CURTIS E. LEMAY CENTER FOR DOCTRINE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION



### ANNEX 3-01 COUNTERAIR OPERATIONS

## AIR REFUELING REQUIREMENTS

Last Reviewed: 18 August 2014

**Air refueling is an essential enabler of counterair operations.** Many air assets that perform the counterair mission have relatively short on-station times or operate from bases far removed from their intended targets. These assets rely on air refueling to extend range, on-station time, and tactical flexibility. Strategists and planners should build needed refueling support into the air component's planning products. Refueling coordination also requires constant management by planners. Detailed refueling instructions should be included in the air tasking order (ATO) special instructions (SPINS) and the airspace control order (ACO).