



VOLUME 3 COMMAND

JOINT AIR COMPONENT COORDINATION ELEMENT

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- The [commander, Air Force forces](#) (COMAFFOR), when acting as [the joint force air component commander](#) may establish one or more [joint air component coordination elements](#) (JACCEs) with other [component](#) commanders' headquarters to better integrate the air component's operations with their operations, and with the supported [joint task force](#) (JTF) headquarters (if the theater COMAFFOR is designated in support to a JTF) to better integrate air component operations within the overall joint force.
- The JACCE facilitates integration by exchanging current [intelligence](#), operational data, and support requirements, and by coordinating the integration of COMAFFOR requirements for [airspace coordinating measures](#), [fire support coordinating measures](#), [close air support](#), [air mobility](#), and space requirements. As such, the JACCE is a [liaison](#) element, not a command and control (C2) node; thus, the JACCE normally has no authority to direct or employ forces. The JACCE should not replace, replicate, or circumvent normal request mechanisms already in place in the component/JTF staffs, nor supplant normal planning performed by the air operations center and AFFOR staff.
- Normally, the JACCE should:
 - ✦ Ensure the COMAFFOR is aware of each commander's priorities and plans.
 - ✦ Ensure the COMAFFOR staff coordinates within their surface component/JTF headquarters counterparts to work issues.
 - ✦ Ensure appropriate commanders are aware of the COMAFFOR's capabilities and limitations ([constraints](#), [restraints](#), and restrictions).
 - ✦ Ensure appropriate commanders are aware of the COMAFFOR's plan to support the surface commander's scheme of maneuver and JFC's intent and objectives.
 - ✦ Facilitate COMAFFOR staff processes with the surface/JTF commanders. Provide oversight of other COMAFFOR liaisons to component/JTF headquarters staffs, if directed.
 - ✦ Ensure information flows properly between the AOC, sister components, and the JFC.

- *For the more complete discussion in Annex 3-30 (Command and Control) of this topic, [click here](#).*
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