Securing the High Ground
Dominant Combat Air Force for America

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CAF Strategic Planning
# 1 priority
Drives everything we do

- Outlines
  - Who we are
  - What we provide
- Defines Mission and Vision
- What we provide Nation
- Establishes Key Tasks
- Refines how we fight
- Identifies and drives:
  - Requirements
  - Capability development

Fully coordinated between ACC, AFSPC, PACAF, USAFE, AFSOC, ANGB, AFRC, and AFCYBER(P)

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2008 Combat Air Force Strategic Plan
What is the Combat Air Force (CAF)

“Tip of the Air Force Spear”
Delivering coercive effects globally
Lethal and non-lethal — Kinetic and non-kinetic

- Delivers global vigilance and global power
- Ability to sense, influence, dissuade, deter, and strike anywhere, anytime, in any condition
- America’s asymmetric advantage and the backbone of its security

The CAF delivers coercive effects...
... from deterrence to direct combat action

But capable across the full range of military operations...
... from disaster / humanitarian relief to peacekeeping
Mission and Vision

**AF Mission**

Fly, Fight and Win... in air, space, and cyberspace

**CAF Mission**

Fly, Fight, and Win... integrating capabilities across air, space, and cyberspace to deliver precise coercive effects in defense of our Nation and its global interests

**CAF Vision**

Dominant Combat Air Force... always!
Supporting National Strategy

**National Security Strategy Objectives**
- Prevent Terrorist Attack
- Strengthen Alliances
- Deny WMD to Rogue States
- Diffuse Regional Conflict
- Deny Terrorists Sanctuary

**National Defense Strategy Objectives**
- Defend the Homeland
- Deter Conflict
- Win the Long War
- Promote Security
- Win Nation’s Wars

**Air Force provides Joint Forces...**
- Global Vigilance
- Global Reach
- Global Power

**CAF delivers...**
- Dissuasion / Deterrence
- Freedom of Action
- Decision Superiority
- Persistent Pressure

**Operational Concepts**
CAF SP Links to AF Priorities

CAF Key Tasks
- CAF Airmen
- Current Operations
- Operational Concepts
- Cross Domain Integration
- Asymmetric Advantage
- Organizations and Processes
- Recapitalization, Modernization & Training

Air Force Priorities
- Nuclear Enterprise
- Win Today’s Fight
- Airmen and their Families
- Modernization
- Acquisition Excellence

Designed to directly support “new” AF Strategic Plan
CAF Strategic Framework

National Security and Defense Strategy Ends

Enduring USAF Ends – Global Vigilance, Reach, Power

CAF Ends

Dissuasion/Deterrence
Decision Superiority
Freedom of Action
Persistent Pressure

CAF Ways

Air Superiority
Space Superiority
Cyberspace Superiority

Cross Domain Integration

CAF Means

Global Attack
Surface Dominance
Battlespace Awareness
Agile Combat Support
Force Presentation
Persistent Engagement

CAF Forces/Capabilities

Near
Mid
Far

Risks
Constraints
CAF SP Annexes

- A – CAF Strategic Planning Process (CSPP)
- B – Commanders’ Guidance and Assumptions
- C – Ends and Ways
- D – Capability Investment Plans
- E – Force Development
- F – Total Force Integration
- G – Networking
- H – Classified Supplements

Outlines risks, models, and scenarios

Where the “meat” is and where we need your help!
Annex B
Guidance and assumptions

• Why is it important?
  • Establishes CAFs priorities
  • Details where the CAF is willing to accept risk
  • Identifies the assumptions and models the CAF is using to establish force requirements
  • Standardizes strategic planning across eight AF commands

• What does it do for the CAF
  • Establishes Commanders guidance for the planning phase
  • Provides focus and identifies where risk is acceptable
  • Presents one voice to AF Council
Annex C
Ends and Ways

• The most important annex!
  • Outlines what the CAF delivers for the nation – CAF “ENDS”
  • Details “HOW” CAF will fight in near, mid & far time frames – “Ways”
  • Outlines the required Forces and capabilities the Nation needs

• Ways - current lead commands
  • Air Superiority – ACC
  • Surface Dominance – ACC
  • Battlespace Awareness – ACC
  • Agile Combat Support – ACC
  • Force Presentation – ACC
  • Space Superiority – AFSPC
  • Global Attack – AFSPC
  • Cyberspace Superiority – AFCYBER
  • Persistent Engagement – USAFE
Annex D Capability Investment Plans

Objectives

• Provide strategy based inputs for CAF/USAF programming actions that support the Nation’s warfighting requirements

• Articulate the “Means” required to execute the CAF “Ways”

• Establish and articulate long-range requirements and resource constrained options with associated risk

• Determine specific near-term and medium-term decisions necessary to achieve the force structure options

Strategy driven; Capability-based; Risk-balanced

Articulate what we need – Required Force

Plan within current fiscal guidance – Fiscally Constrained Force
Annex D, Capability Investment Plans

• Three Sections, each approved by MAJCOM/CC
  • Section 1, Required Force
    • Intent: Identify resources required to execute CAF strategy
    • Suspense: 1 Jun 09
  • Section 2, Constrained Force Options
    • Intent: Identify resources to best meet CAF strategy within defined restraints
    • Suspense: 1 Oct 09
  • Section 3, Supporting Appendices built in parallel with a constrained force option
    • Modernization and Sustainment
    • Special Access Programs
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