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Air Operations Command

AirC2 Cluster

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Air Operations Command (AirOpsCmd) in Kalkar is the Luftwaffe's (Lw) pivot of Air Command and Control (AirC2) in Germany.

The Command includes a Joint Force Air Component Headquarters (JFAC HQ DEU), capable, if requested, to serve as Joint AirC2 element for national and multinational operations and missions, and provides personnel to NATO's Combined Air Operations Centre in Uedem.

To support larger operations, the JFAC HQ (DEU) will require additional well-trained subject matters experts (SMEs) from Germany and participating partners.

Consequently, the Lw has established, as part of the AirOpsCmd, an AirC2 Training Centre (AirC2 TC (DEU)) which contributes to providing and maintaining a strong community of AirC2 experts in NATO and EU nations.

Kalkar/Uedem can be referred to as the hub for AirC2 in Germany and for the whole northern part of the North Atlantic Alliance.

Three entities, NATO's Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) Uedem, the Joint Air Power Competence Centre (JAPCC – a NATO Centre of Excellence), and the Luftwaffe's Air Operations Command (AirOpsCmd) provide common enhanced understanding and the latest knowledge on AirC2 instruments and processes, as well as AirC2 leadership. This makes Kalkar/Uedem a perfect place for AirC2 Training of German personnel and their international colleagues.

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- NATO accredited since 2020 -

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The AirC2 Training Centre (AirC2 TC) has been established as part of the Luftwaffe AOC in 2013. It has been NATO accredited since 2020 and up to today trained nearly 3,000 German and international students.

Thus, the AirC2 TC contributes to having sufficient competent and skilled officers available to support command and control of the air domain. The Luftwaffe has made AirC2 training mandatory for all future staff officers.

Basic Course (Developing initial understanding)	OF-1/2	AirC2 Basic Course		
Advanced Courses (Tailored to JFAC HQ divisions)	Personnel assigned to JFAC posts	Command Group	Combat Plans Division	ISR Division
		Strategy Division	Combat OPS Division	Combat Service Support Division
Mobile Trainings (offered abroad on request)	Subject to request	AirC2 Training abroad		

Proper management of Air power needs broad, but also specific knowledge, understanding and skills. The range of courses offered by the AirC2 TC therefore comprises one-week basic courses and one/two-week advanced courses. Additionally, the centre provides, on request, mobile training teams, to support training outside Kalkar and Germany.
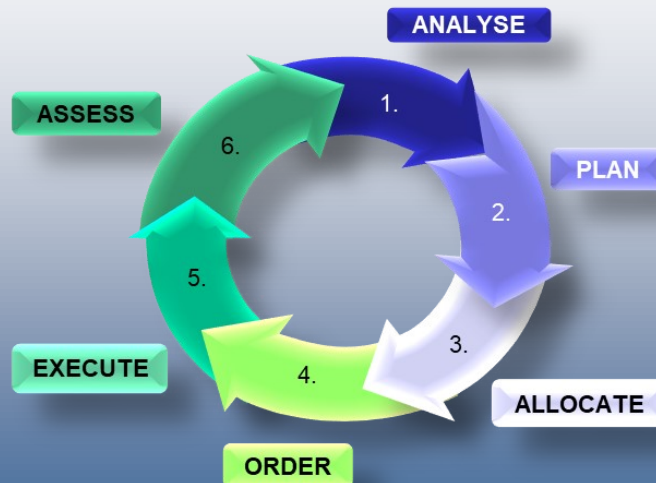
Once a year, COM AirOpsCmd invites flag officers to discuss imminent Air Power/AirC2 challenges in a joint and multi-domain operational environment.

Basic Training

The basic AirC2 Training course aims at developing a mature AirC2 understanding of air operations in a combined and joint environment according to NATO doctrines, to fulfill NATO and NATO nations' requirements.

In particular, course participants will be introduced into the main elements of the command and control process and receive a first insight into the JFAC HQ functional structure and environment. They will also acquire general skills necessary to support the planning of complex air operations.

ANALYSE 1.
PLAN 2.
ALLOCATE 3.
ORDER 4.
EXECUTE 5.
ASSESS 6.

Advanced Training

Personnel earmarked for a post in a JFAC HQ will receive additional training.

The advanced courses are specifically tailored to provide the individual training required in a standard NATO JFAC divisional structure.

They are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills which will enable them in their respective positions to contribute to the specific tasks of their respective divisions. Consequently, six specific advanced training courses are offered.

- COMMAND GROUP
- STRATEGY DIVISION
- COMBAT PLANS DIVISION
- COMMAND OPS DIVISION
- COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT DIVISION
- INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE RECONNAISSANCE DIVISION

The course content focuses on procedures for the execution of divisional tasks and includes the handling of specific AirC2-related IT.