



NATO Allied Command Transformation

Joint Force Development Experimentation & Wargaming

Branch Fact Sheet – Tactical Air C2 Integration in a

Warfighting Corps (WFC) Operations Center (OPSCEN)

- Background:** Joint Fires are among the essential strategic capabilities to achieve the Military Strategic Objectives. According to Joint Fires Roadmap, which identifies initial Joint Fires Lines of Effort and areas for improvement, the first line of effort is focused on Doctrine and Procedural Interoperability. Joint Fires doctrine must address multi-domain, multi-component integration, including - but not limited to - Air-Land Integration, Maritime-Land Integration, Air-Maritime Integration, and include Cyberspace and Special Operations. The JALLC analysis of Tactical Air Command and Control (C2) at Corps level in a report signed in March 2020, suggests that the current process for immediate airspace requests is time-consuming and not responsive enough during large-scale operations. Extending NATO's tactical Air C2 capability to the Corps level should be considered. The Air-Land Integration (ALI) Steering Group co-chaired by AIRCOM and LANDCOM reinforces that concept. This experiment will be integrated into Exercise Loyal Leda 2022.
- Aim:** The aim of the experiment is to further develop the Joint Air-Ground Integration Cell (JAGIC) approach developed in 2021 by embedding a NATO Air Support Operations Centre (ASOC) into the NRDC-TUR HQ Fires Cell. This will allow to move forward the definition of the doctrinal, personnel and capacity requirements of a Tactical Air C2 capability at Corps level. This will lead to the refinement of processes and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) related to Tactical Air C2 and the delegation of a Battlespace Management Area (BMA) or a Sub-Airspace Control Authority (SACA) at the Corps level
- WDI:** Tactical Air C2 Integration in a Warfighting Corps Operations Center aligns under Allied Command Transformation Warfare Development Imperative (WDI) – Cross Domain Command.
- Category:** Experiment in Exercises
- Sponsors:** LANDCOM: Branch Head Joint Fires & Effects (direct linkage to COS LANDCOM) AIRCOM: Branch Head A7 Exercises (direct linkage to DCOS Plans)
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