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ANNEX 3-17 AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

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Air Mobility Command (AMC) is the Air Force major command primarily responsible for providing intertheater [airlift](#), [air refueling](#), air mobility support, and [aeromedical evacuation](#) capability. AMC organizes, trains, equips, and employs its assigned and attached forces to meet worldwide air mobility requirements. As the air component to [US Transportation Command](#) (USTRANSCOM), AMC prepares those forces to meet intertheater air mobility taskings.

AMC plans, coordinates, and manages the [Civil Reserve Air Fleet](#) (CRAF) program that provides a pool of civil airlift capability made available to the Department of Defense in times of crises. When the CRAF is activated, relevant carrier mission information and changes are directed by AMC via USTRANSCOM's airlift contracting function. Eighteenth Air Force (Air Forces Transportation) (18 AF [AFTRANS]) monitors the carriers' mission execution via the [618th Air Operations Center \(AOC\)](#) ([Tanker Airlift Control Center \[TACC\]](#)). The individual commercial carriers retain control of crews, aircraft, and support.

AMC is the designated lead command for Air Force air mobility issues and works closely with theater air component commands from each combatant command to establish appropriate standards enabling a smooth transition to contingency operations. In this capacity, AMC develops weapon system standards and integrates command and control processes for the entire mobility air forces (MAF) enterprise. Standardization of processes and procedures is crucial to ensure consistent capability across the MAF.

18 AF (AFTRANS)

18 AF (AFTRANS) is AMC's component numbered Air Force. AMC/CC, acting as the commander, Air Force forces (COMAFFOR), normally delegates operational control (OPCON) of the operational assigned wings to 18 AF (AFTRANS)/CC. 18 AF (AFTRANS)/CC exercises control through its functional AOC, the 618 AOC (TACC). AMC/CC delegates [administrative control](#) (ADCON) to 18 AF (AFTRANS)/CC for assigned wings with a flying mission. 18 AF (AFTRANS) exercises OPCON through the 618 AOC (TACC).

Air Force Expeditionary Center

The Expeditionary Center (EC) focuses on all organize, train, and equip aspects for

contingency response, expeditionary combat support training, en route and installation support, and building partnerships missions. With this structure, AMC/CC delegates ADCON of assigned wings with airbase, contingency response, or en route missions from 18 AF (AFTRANS)/CC to the Expeditionary Center commander.
