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(Note: This information is condensed from material from Volume 1, *Basic Doctrine*. Refer to that document for more detailed overall discussion and context. Other links may point to more specific discussion or to other supplementary sources. Also, any bolded emphasis is in the original text.)

- When a crisis requires a military response, the geographic combatant commander (CCDR) will usually form a tailored joint task force (JTF). If Air Force forces are attached to the JTF, they stand up as an air expeditionary task force (AETF) within the JTF. The AETF commander, as the commander, Air Force forces (COMAFFOR), provides the single Air Force face to the JTF commander.
- Other Services may also provide forces, and normally stand up as separate Army, Navy, and Marine forces, each with their respective commander (Commander, Army forces [COMARFOR]; Commander, Navy forces [COMNAVFOR]; and Commander, Marine Corps forces [COMMARFOR]).
- *For more on joint force organizational basics see [Annex 3-30](#).*