

Update on the Joint Air Ground Integration Center

JAGIC is magic for Joint Fires

During the 2009 Army and Air Force Warfighter Talks, the Chief of Staff of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Air Force agreed upon the definition of the Joint Air Ground Integration Center (JAGIC) as a modular and scalable center designed to integrate and coordinate joint fires and air operations within the Army's senior tactical echelon (nominally the division) assigned airspace. The JAGIC collocates decision making authorities from the land and air components at the highest tactical echelon to support the maneuver commander's concept of operations. Beginning in fiscal year 2011, the United States Air Force began habitually aligning its Air Support Operations Center (ASOC) capabilities with each active duty Army division. Twelve (12) ASOCs (one per division and two Air National Guard ASOCs) are projected to become operational by fiscal year 2019.

The following are a few facts about JAGIC and what it provides to the Combatant Commander:

The JAGIC provides commanders a concept to coordinate, integrate, and control operations in division assigned airspace. It also co-locates decision making authorities from the land and air component to support the maneuver commander's objectives and intent. Essentially, the JAGIC facilitates effective mission execution while reducing the level of risk.

The JAGIC is designed to support and enable division-level current operations through the rapid execution and clearance of fires and airspace. As a modular and scalable entity, it is designed to integrate and synchronize fires and airspace control in the

division area of operations in accordance with guidance from the division commander, the joint force air component commander (JFACC) and airspace control authority (ACA).

The JAGIC is an execution cell that co-locates the capabilities of the ASOC with the fires cell, air missile defense, Army aviation, and airspace element in the division's current operations integration cell (COIC).

ATP 3-91.1, AFTTP 3-2.86, The Joint Air Ground Integration Center, 18 June 14, will undergo revision and publication in FY17. The Mission Command Center of Excellence (MCCOE) is the JAGIC publication proponent. As part of the COIC, the JAGIC is not resourced to conduct planning.

Specific functions of the JAGIC include fires, airspace control, interdiction coordination, friendly force identification, and information collection. All JAGIC functions are in support of current operations.

The fires function integrates division fires with other complementary and reinforcing functions for achieving air-ground integration. In the JAGIC, fires cell personnel rapidly and efficiently respond to requests for Joint fires by coordinating with the necessary air and ground forces to enable the delivery of joint fires in a timely manner. The JAGIC Chief is typically a Deputy Fire Support Coordinator (DF-SCOORD) or a Assistant Fire Support Coordinator (AFSCOORD).

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