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ALSSA JOINT WORKING GROUPS*

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- J-SEAD #1 (Virtual/JB Langley-Eustis):
21 – 25 Apr
- Air and Missile Defense #1 (Virtual/JB Langley-Eustis):
28 Apr – 2 May
- J-SEAD #2 (Virtual/JB Langley-Eustis):
19 – 23 May
- Air and Missile Defense #2 (Virtual/JB Langley-Eustis):
2 – 6 Jun
- Airspace Control (Location TBD):
Jun
- Personnel Recovery #1 (Location TBD):
10 – 11 Jun

**All dates are subject to change*

ALSSA EVENTS

- Joint Action Steering Committee (JB Langley-Eustis):
7 – 8 Apr

ALSSA OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENTS**

- NIMBLE FIRE 25A:
27 Apr – 2 May
- Silent Quest Planning Conference:
28 Apr – 2 May
- SOCOM SOF Week:
5 May – 8 May
- JSEC Engagement:
12 – 16 May
- WFX 25-4:
26 May – 4 Jun

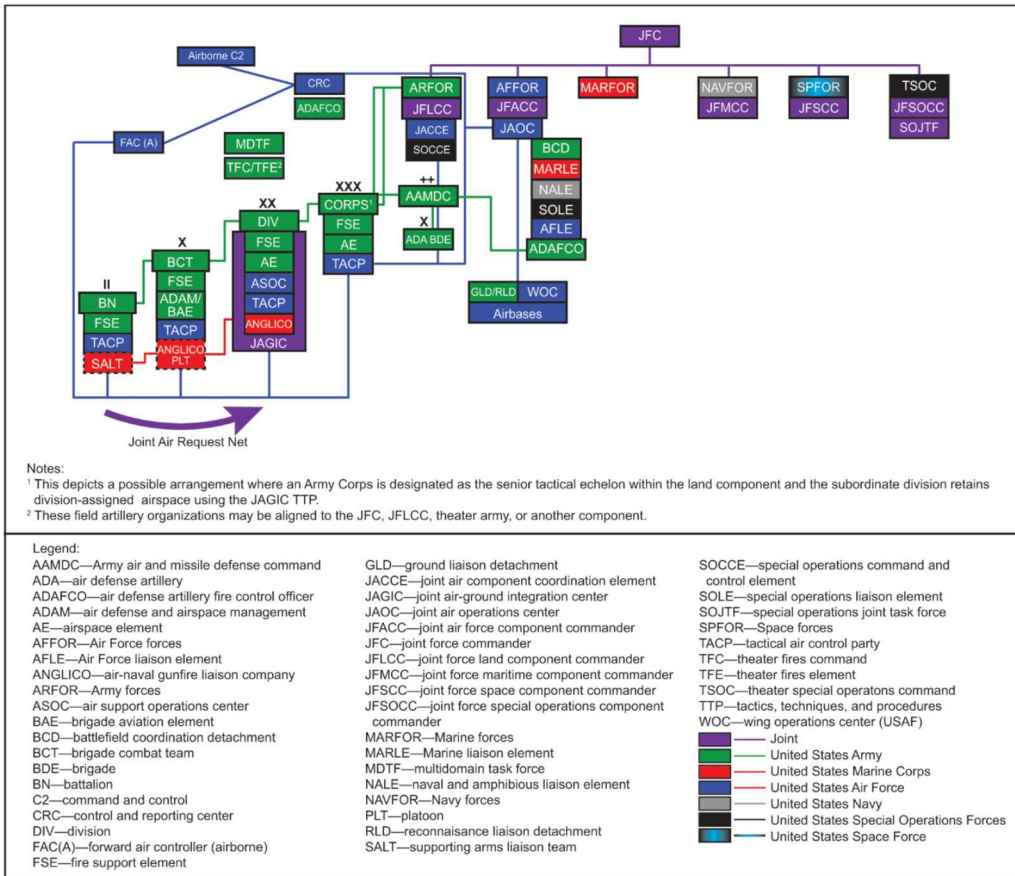
***ALSSA is not the lead POC but is attending.*

The following is a professional opinion article from the Army Joint Support Team, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center.

“AIRSPACE CONTROL FALLACY”

There is an airspace control fallacy that’s deeply rooted in why Army commanders seek “airspace control” at inappropriate echelons. A recent air symposium highlighted this mistaken belief, which led to an unsound argument for the corps to control a volume of airspace. This argument is not about optimizing efficiencies, or to strip a commander of authority. Airspace control is

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doctrinally defined and executed when granted by the appropriate authority.

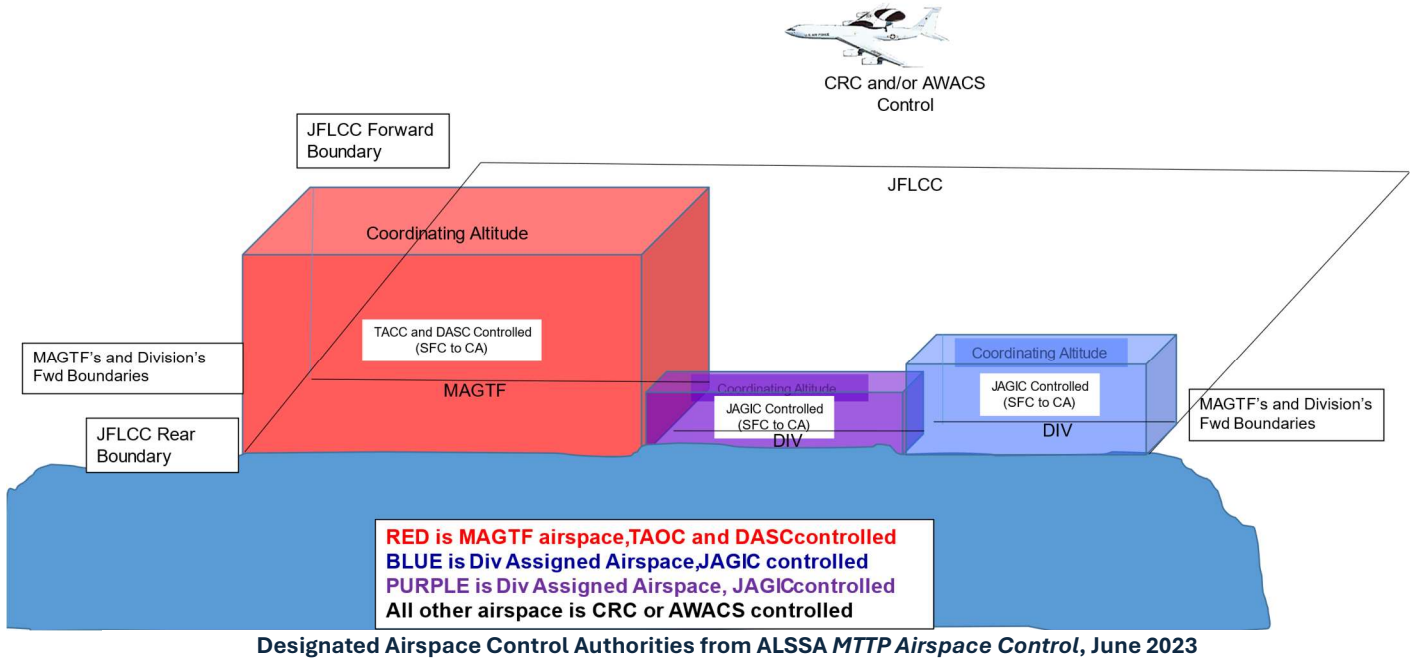
Doctrine and memorandums of agreement between the Army and the United States Air Force (USAF) support the delegation of division-assigned airspace when the USAF Air Support Operations Center (ASOC) capability is integrated into the division command post and organized with a joint air-ground integration center (JAGIC). The joint force commander’s (JFCs) designated Airspace Control Authority (ACA) may delegate a volume of airspace to a division commander who implements the JAGIC tactics, techniques, and procedures and when airspace requirements support the JFCs concept of operation. Further, the division JAGIC is a focal point of integration into the theater airspace control system as a designated airspace control element. The division is responsible for following the theater airspace control plan (ACP) and using procedural

airspace control measures that support Army and joint force operations. The division JAGIC will have situational understanding of all airspace activities inside that volume of airspace to enable Army and other joint force operations. The division’s ability to control airspace is achievable through the combined efforts of the command post to include the airspace element, fire support element, air and missile defense, and the USAF ASOC.

The division is the Army’s principal tactical warfighting formation, which allows it to retain control of scarce resources, including joint

air, for employment at the right time and place. The division JAGIC leverages subordinate Army airspace elements (brigade combat team (BCT) air defense airspace management/brigade aviation element (ADAM/BAE), air traffic control (ATC)) to gain and maintain situational understanding of all assigned airspace users’ activities. The USAF ASOC enables the JAGIC to anticipate joint airspace users on the air tasking order and provide airspace control of those users inside division-assigned airspace. The division and subordinate commands facilitate airspace management of Army airspace users via mission command through the division airspace element and subordinate ADAM/BAEs. The ASOC airspace manager/procedural controller leverage tactical command and control and their communications suite to manage joint airspace users. Once the airspace control order (ACO) is in execution, the JAGIC, like other airspace control elements,

Delegation of Airspace: From Airspace Control Authority to Airspace Control Elements



performs airspace management activities to implement the ACO and dynamically approve airspace use based on the current situation inside their assigned airspace control subarea/sector (ACSS).

When the division is assigned an ACSS it is recognized by other theater airspace control elements and airspace users as an airspace control element of the airspace control system to coordinate approval of airspace coordinating measures to maximize operational effectiveness and provide safeguards for airspace users. When an airspace control element is assigned a volume of airspace to control, it does not increase that echelon commander's authority over other joint force operations. Assigned airspace does not include authorities over other joint force operations, tasking of joint air assets, or air and missile defense. It does not include authority to re-role air missions from air interdiction to close air support. However, the authorities outlined

empower the division to defeat enemy short-range fires, mass effects on enemy forward echelons, and synchronize BCT maneuver in close combat with enemy forces.

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