During every day routine service, the Air Operations Command fulfills central mission-related command tasks for the German Air Force and the entire Bundeswehr. The Air Force Operations Centre, the security of the German airspace, the generation of a recognized operational air picture, and the Space Situational Awareness Centre are central elements within the scope of this mission.

The Air Intelligence Centre provides air-related military intelligence to the Air Force and other elements of the national military intelligence community.

With respect to international commitments to NATO and/or the EU, the Air Operations Command established a multinational staffed Joint Force Air Component Headquarters (JFAC HQ DEU). This Headquarters provides the capability to efficiently and effectively plan and conduct air operations in any theatre worldwide.

From training to individual mission planning up to Command and Control of assigned forces through the JFAC HQ DEU the Air Operations Command consistently and continuously provides the full spectrum of air competences.

NATO Combined Air Operations Centre Uedem, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, and Air Operations Command attach particular importance to this term which is a synonym for the close cooperation among the members of the Kalkar/Uedem Military Community. The combined competences and available resources are particularly valuable for the conduct of AirC2 Training.

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In accordance with the German Air Force AirC2 Training Concept, dated 24 July 2018 the overall objective is to enable every Air Force staff officer to assume air-specific tasks and functions in a national or multinational command post at tactical and/or operational level.

During the two-week course “AirC2 Basic Training” conducted at Air Operations Command in Kalkar, students will be taught the basic principles of air operations using real life examples gathered from experiences during Operation Unified Protector (OUP), NRF 2012, NRF 2018 and current operations.

The operational Command and Control (C2) process and the planning of complex air operations in a JFAC HQ are the key elements of the training program for designated staff officers.

Due to the fact that all elements of the AirC2 Training at the Air Operations Command comply with applicable NATO standards, students from other nations may also attend the course on a seats available basis.

Personnel earmarked for a post in a JFAC HQ will receive a specific training and if necessary follow on workshops. These courses are specifically tailored to the respective divisions and their appropriate tasks. Subsequently these training modules with their mission tailored elements are offered for each division within a standard JFAC HQ structure.

In accordance with the command post architecture, six different training courses plus an Introduction module have been established:

AirC2 INTRODUCTION (optional)

COMMAND GROUP

COMBAT PLANS

COMBAT OPERATIONS

COMBAT SUPPORT

INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE

RECONNAISSANCE

These training modules will enable the student, to execute the tasks to be conducted within his/her respective division of a JFAC HQ.