CURTIS E. LEMAY CENTER FOR DOCTRINE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION



MISSION

Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education develops and produces Air Force basic and operational doctrine, critical leadership input for joint and multinational doctrine development activities, doctrine education for the Air Force and doctrine application within wargames and simulations. The center is chartered by the CSAF to be his doctrinal voice and is directly responsible to the CSAF on all matters of basic and operational level doctrine. The LeMay Center conducts eight professional continuing education courses that develop the judgment and skills required to employ air and space power effectively in combat. At the senior leader level, the Directorate conducts the Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, the Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, the Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, the Senior Joint Information Operations Applications Course, and the Air Force Senior Executive Warfighter Perspective Seminar. At the intermediate level (E-5 to O-6), the center conducts the Contingency Wartime Planning course, the Joint Air Operations Planning course, and the Information Operations Fundamentals Application course. The LeMay Center maintains a distance learning library of eight courses designed to increase Airmen's knowledge of doctrine and the operational level of war. The LeMay Center maintains and conducts wargames in support of Title 10 and AU school requirements. Center staff supports intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) education throughout Air University (AU).

LINEAGE

Air Force Doctrine Center constituted and activated as a field operating agency of the United States Air Force, 21 Jul 1993

Status changed from a field operating agency of the United States Air Force to a direct reporting unit of the United States Air Force, 24 Feb 1997

Status changed from a direct reporting unit of the United States Air Force to a subordinate of Air Education and Training Command, 1 Oct 2006

Redesignated Air Force Doctrine Development and Education Center, 1 Aug 2007 Redesignated Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education, 1 May 2008

STATIONS

Langley AFB, VA, 21 Jul 1993 Maxwell AFB, AL, 24 Feb 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

United States Air Force, 21 Jul 1993 Air University, 1 Oct 2006

COMMANDERS

Col Robert D. Coffman, #1995
Maj Gen Ronald E. Keys, #1997
Maj Gen Timothy A. Kinnan, #1999
Maj Gen Lance L. Smith, #2000
Maj Gen David F. MacGhee, Jr., #2002
Maj Gen Bentley B. Rayburn, #2005
Maj Gen Allen G. Peck, #2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards 1 Sep 1993-30 Sep 1995 19 May 1997-1 Nov 1998 2 Nov 1998-30 Jun 2000 1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

EMBLEM

Approved on 10 April 1997

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

8/17/2007 - MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN) -- The Air Force Doctrine Development and Education Center here stood up in August with the leaders of Air University, the 42nd Air Base

Wing and local business and government agencies in attendance. The new center is the result of a merger between the Air Force Doctrine Center, which was stood up 10 years prior, and the College for Aerospace Doctrine, Research and Education Center. Both organizations were deactivated during the ceremony. Air Force doctrine has deep roots at Air University, as the forefathers of airpower have historically gathered at Maxwell Air Force Base to cultivate doctrine, and those pioneering decisions influence warfighters from the past, present and the future.

The new organization's mission is to serve as the lead in the development of operational-level doctrine and establish the Air Force position in joint and multinational doctrine. The Air Force Doctrine Development and Education Center, or AFDDEC, is headed up by Maj. Gen. Allen G. Peck, the vice commander of Air University and former commander of the Air Force Doctrine Center. 'Today we honor the giants who made great strides in expanding the Air Force's capabilities to operate in air, space, and cyber power through doctrine development and education, research, wargaming, strategic communication and intelligence. Our new combined organization will build on those legacies," he said. Also included in the merger are the educational courses conducted at CADRE each year, and the Warfare Studies Institute and Public Affairs Center of Excellence, which educates flag officers attending courses across Air University to better understand and use the military public affairs and media relationship. AFDDEC's first milestone passed the same day the organization was stood up, General Peck said. The chief of staff of the Air Force approved and signed Air Force Doctrine Document 2-3, Irregular Warfare, the organization's first publication, Aug. 2 as well. Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, the commander of Air University, presided over the ceremony and also spoke of the leaders who founded what has become the "intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force."

'This is a journey that began with the Air Tactical Corps and continues today and into the future," he said. "Our faculty is the greatest in the world, and that faculty provides great students. Standing together, our students and faculty create great ideas, and great ideas are what will win the long war."

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Sources

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