

AIR FORCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

MISSION

The Air Force Research Institute was chartered to conduct independent research, outreach, and engagement to inform and enhance senior AF and DoD national security deliberations and decision-making processes. The institute's objective is to generate critical thinking to improve USAF and DoD joint combat effectiveness. The Research Division conducts independent operational and strategic-level research of interest to the Air Force. This research involves the enduring elements of air, space, and cyberspace and their effect on our service and national security across the full spectrum of military interests. This is accomplished through annual research requests from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, as well as research topics generated from other Air Force and DoD senior leaders, concerning some of the most pressing issues facing our service. These topics range from specific narrowly focused issues to a wide-ranging Strategic Study. In addition, the staff continues research into their area of special concentration on topics of importance to the Air Force. The Research Division generates and publishes books, original studies, research pamphlets, monographs, and papers on topics of interest to AF leaders and those related to current and future air, space, and cyber operations.

The Outreach Division develops and publishes a variety of products in print and electronic formats. The publications include Strategic Studies Quarterly (SSQ), an Air Force-sponsored strategic forum for military, government and academic professionals. SSQ publishes articles of interest to USAF and national leaders through the critical examination of and debate about warfare, strategy, national and international security, and defense policy. The Air & Space Power Journal (ASPJ), the professional journal of the United States Air Force, has appeared since 1947 and has grown to include six language editions. The division also includes Air University Press which serves as the professional publishing arm of AU. Press publications promote creative thought on, and appreciation for, the value of air, space, and cyber power. The press is a leading not-for-profit publisher on air, space, and cyberspace power doctrine and national security.

The Engagement Division extends the reach of AFRI by identifying, developing and sustaining relationships with other government and academic communities to promote the expansion and

development of concepts, issues, and topics of interest to the Air Force. Several events held this year include the international Deterrence Symposium, a general officer level Diversity Summit, and The Future Operator Symposium. Another major engagement vehicle is The Wright Stuff, a biweekly discussion forum intended to generate thoughtful discussion and debate regarding all aspects of national security by highlighting scholarly thought from across the Air Force and beyond. The Engagement Division also supports Air University research efforts through the annual AU Call for Topics, and the AU Research Information System (AURIMS) database, and managing the AU Research Board process to include publishing the annual AU Research Bulletin.

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