

Joint Task Force Headquarters (JTF HQ)

1. We at the 113WG thank you for applying for this position. We have put together this talking paper to ensure you have all the information required to make the decision if you want to be a part of the JTF HQ. The OPSTEMPO will be higher and the mob to dwell time will be shorter than traditional ANG DSG or AGR positions. The position will be challenging, exciting and interesting. If you're interested in being a part of one of the Air Forces newest capabilities / emerging mission sets, then this is for you. There will be a lot of opportunity for TDYs, schools and exercises.
2. The Army has traditionally taken the lead on Joint Operations and they have the capability to move in and stand up a headquarters that is capable of leading Joint Operations. The USAF does not currently have this capability. Some operations like those in Libya and Syria have been primarily Air Force Operations. In 2016, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force directed that the USAF will develop this capability and tasked ACC / 9th AF to convert into a Joint Task Force Headquarters with the purpose of leading trans-regional, multi-domain and multi-functional operations globally, meeting the demands of the Global Response Force (GRF).
3. This is a total force initiative and the JTF is made up of the consolidated manning document of positions located at Beale AFB (940th Air Refueling Wing), Syracuse NY (152nd AOG), Battle Creek MI (217 AOG), Washington DC (113WG), and Shaw AFB (9th AF). The concept is, when called upon, all of these units will come together to become the USAF JTF HQ. This has CSAF attention and prioritization and the concept is in the development phase.
4. Training will be conducted along four lines of effort: Joint Staff Basic Course, support to Combatant Command Significant Military Exercises, Staff Exercises (STAFFEXs), and Ancillary Deployment Training. Intent. The intent of training is to enable 9 AF HQ to provide a command group and core functions of a 3-star, operational level JTF HQ capable of trans-regional, multi-domain, multifunctional operations globally across the full range of military operations. Training will institutionalize joint staff functions, procedures and the Joint Planning Process (JPP) for 9 AF HQ staff, which will be the model for the Air Force.
 - a. The 9 AF HQ staff will execute multiple training events to ensure JTF HQ capability. These events which include a JTF Staff Basic Course (2 weeks at Shaw AFB), attendance at a Combatant Command (CCMD) joint exercise (TBD), internal academics and STAFFEXs, and deployment training. Once initially qualified, individual 9AF HQ staff personnel will maintain qualifications by participating in a CCMD joint exercise and/or 4-day 9AF HQ STAFFEX annually, and maintaining global deployment readiness.
 - b. A mobilization to dwell waiver will be initiated by 9th AF for ARC forces to move the deployment vulnerability window from 1:5 to 1:3. This means that personnel in a JTF position will be vulnerable for up to a 220 day deployment one out of

every three years. This doesn't mean you will deploy or be mobilized for that period of time; it only means you will be vulnerable to deploy or be mobilized.

- c. Training will aim to expand 9 AF HQ's expertise to other parts of the world, focusing on challenges prioritized in the Guidance for the Employment of the Force (GEF), the National Military Strategy (NMS) and the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan (JSCP).
- d. The 9 AF HQ will initially qualify individuals who attend the JTF Staff Basic Course, participate in a CCMD JTF exercise and complete deployment training as outlined below. Following an initial qualification, staff personnel remain current by maintaining deployment readiness and attending a CCMD exercise and/or STAFFEX annually.
- e. Individual joint training for 9 AF HQ personnel will combine online training and academic sessions and will be conducted monthly. For online training, 9 AF HQ will leverage courses on Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) available online at <https://jkodirect.jten.mil>. Academic sessions may include practical exercises to engage audience learning and participation. Academic training may incorporate subject-matter experts and speakers from outside 9 AF HQ, the Air Force or even the Department of Defense. The 9 AF/A7 may also coordinate external training courses or mobile training teams from outside agencies such as the Joint Staff and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Joint Humanitarian Operations Course.
- f. 9 AF HQ will maintain Total Force Annual Training, medical and deployment readiness requirements for worldwide deployment. By conducting mobility tabletop exercises prior to CCMD exercises and internal STAFFEXs, 9 AF HQ staff will better understand global training requirements for a baseline of global readiness.

