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Title: Airpower Strategy: Operations Deliberate Force, Allied Force, and Unified Protector
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Background/Information:

Col Aaron Clark has served in the United States Air Force for over 28 years. He enlisted as a Security Policeman in 1989. After earning a commission in 1996, he entered pilot training and flew the F-15C for nearly 10 years. In 2011, he transferred to AFSOC and began flying the U-28 Draco—eventually taking command of the 318th Special Operations Squadron. He also served as an Air Liaison Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Academically, he attended the Norwegian Defense Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Air And Space Studies, and completed the Lorenz Fellowship earning a PhD in Military Strategy. Col Clark served on the CSAF Strategic Studies Group as an airpower strategist and completed a joint assignment at Special Operations Command-North. He is currently the Vice Commander of the Special Warfare Training Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX.

This presentation is based on Col Clark's PhD dissertation, *In Absentia: Airpower and Proxy Ground Forces in the Balkan and Libyan Conflicts*, which was a comparative analysis of operational strategy in Operations Deliberate Force, Allied Force, and Unified Protector.

This briefing will provide:

- A brief overview of each operation.
- Focus on the formulation of strategy at the operational level.
- Provide a discussion on the complexity of the political and military relationship in establishing coalition strategy.

