

**Air University eGPME Webinar Series:** **Friday, 15 November 2019, 1330 CST/1930Z**

**Title:** Impact of Special Operations on Current and Future Joint Operations  
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### **Background/Information:**

Special Operation Forces (SOF) demonstrated its value to the Joint Force Commander during the last 18 years of conflict. Is SOF prepared to support the Joint Force Commander in future campaigns? This webinar will explore the impact of SOF in recent Joint campaigns and the role of SOF in future conflicts to include Major Combat Operations (MCO). The discussion will center on the effects the Functional Combatant Commander USSOCOM achieves for the Geographic Combatant Commander in pursuit of GCC objectives. What challenges do planners face when integrating SOF into campaigns across the range of military operations? At the heart of the discussion is an exploration of the USSOCOM priorities outlined in SOCOM 2035.

- What SOF must do
- What SOF is expected to do
- What SOF should do

In April 2019 Gen Clark, the current USSOCOM Commander, stated to Congress:

*“USSOCOM is focused on addressing the defense and security threats and challenges from emerging great power competitors as well as terrorists and violent extremist organizations (VEOs) identified in the National Defense Strategy (NDS) along the directed lines of effort: building a more lethal force, strengthening alliances and attracting new partners, and reforming our institution for greater performance and affordability. Consequently, we are re-shaping our current forces and capabilities even as we develop new technological and tactical approaches for our diverse missions.”*

