
PREFACE

No longer perceived as military “sideshows,” peace operations, humanitarian relief, and similar military operations other than war (MOOTW) now occupy center stage. Ongoing peace operations in Iraq and Bosnia, in particular, are producing an operations tempo unprecedented in peacetime. This optempo is stressing people and equipment, making it difficult for the United States Air Force (USAF) to prepare fully for potential combat operations in major regional conflicts. Beyond these current challenges, it is also likely that the USAF will be called upon to take on new MOOTW tasks over the next decade or so.

The objectives of this study were threefold: (1) to help the USAF better understand the effects of current MOOTW on training and readiness, (2) to explore some options to reduce those effects, and (3) to propose new concepts of operation to enhance USAF capabilities to accomplish future MOOTW tasks.

This report should be of interest to USAF planners and operators in the Air Staff, Major Command, and Numbered Air Force Headquarters and operational units, as well as to students of air and space power in the other services and the broader defense community.

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