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AFA's Mitchell Institute Releases *An ISR Perspective on Fusion Warfare*

ARLINGTON, Va (October 22, 2015) — The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies kicks off a new publication series today with the release of the first paper of The Mitchell Forum, *An ISR Perspective on Fusion Warfare*, written by Air Force Maj Gen VeraLinn "Dash" Jamieson, the director of intelligence for Air Combat Command, and Air Force Lt Col Maurizio "Mo" Calabrese, the chief of the ACC intelligence directorate's planning, programming, and policy branch. The paper details a concept the authors call "Fusion Warfare" — the seamless integration of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets and data into actionable decision quality information, to confront the threats and challenges of the 21st Century.

Jamieson and Calabrese's paper lays out what Fusion Warfare entails, why it matters in modern war, and how the concept is vital to collecting, analyzing, and acting on information more effectively to achieve advantage in future conflicts. They discuss how roles, responsibilities, data flows, analytic tradecraft, and key elements of the ISR enterprise will be leveraged more effectively in Fusion Warfare, connected via a "combat cloud." The full text of the paper can be downloaded from the Mitchell Institute website here: <http://www.mitchellaerospacepower.org/home>

The Mitchell Institute's forum series provides a venue for authors with ideas, concepts, and thoughts on national defense and aerospace power to engage with current and emerging policy issues. For more information on the series and inquiries about submissions, contact Mitchell Institute's Director of Publications Marc V. Schanz at mschanz@afa.org.

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