

## Preface

### PURPOSE

FM 100-10 states that airdrop is a primary field service that will be required on the battlefield at the onset of hostilities. This manual (FM 10-500-1) provides doctrinal guidance to commanders and staff officers. It is used to plan, coordinate, and request the airdrop of supplies and equipment in a theater of operations. Its contents conform to Army and Air Force doctrine and procedures.

### SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This manual addresses the Army's airdrop mission, both the joint and combined aspects. It presents basic principles of airdrop supply and resupply and the types and methods of airdrop, including the advantages and disadvantages of each. It also covers airdrop support units and their responsibilities at each echelon. Airdrop request procedures, recovery and evacuation procedures, and planning considerations are also covered. This manual applies to US forces worldwide under all levels of conflict and in all climates and geographical environments. It can be modified to apply to allied forces who may have been authorized to receive airdrop resupply support from US elements.

This manual supports FM 10-1. It should be used with FMs 63-1 through 63-4 and FMs 100-10, 100-16, 100-26, and 100-27.

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