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Command Policy

PRESIDENTIAL PILOT OFFICE



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This document clarifies and alters the command and operational relationship and support responsibilities between the 89th Airlift Wing (89 AW), White House Military Office, and the Presidential Pilot Office. It outlines the organizational structure and personnel requirements of the Presidential Pilot Office. The Presidential Pilot Office will be provided the same day-to-day support as all units assigned to the 89 AW. This document addresses only the unique requirements of the Presidential Pilot Office.

1. Terms Explained:

- 1.1. PPO. Presidential Pilot Office.
- 1.2. WHMO. White House Military Office.
- 1.3. Augmentee. An individual assigned to another 89 AW unit and performs duties in PPO when requested by the Chief, PPO.
- 1.4. CVAM. Special Air Missions Office of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

2. Mission. The mission of the PPO is to provide safe, comfortable and reliable air transportation for the President of the United States. The air transportation of the President is the 89 AW's highest priority mission.

3. Command:

- 3.1. The PPO is a subordinate unit under the 89 AW. The 89 AW Commander has command and administrative authority over the PPO and is the senior rater for all personnel assigned to the PPO, with the exception of the Chief, PPO, whose senior rater will be the Director, WHMO.
- 3.2. The Chief, PPO will be placed on G-series orders and will be responsible for all personnel permanently assigned to the PPO.
- 3.3. The Director, WHMO has complete and undisturbed operational control (OPCON) of PPO. The Director will task PPO directly to conduct worldwide airlift missions in specially configured aircraft assigned to the 89AW.

3.4. The Chief, PPO is responsible for the operations and maintenance of Presidential aircraft and vested with the authority to manage same. The Chief, PPO shares responsibility for security with the installation chief of security police, who manages security forces.

4. Personnel:

4.1. The Chief, PPO serves at the pleasure of the President. The Chief will normally serve a 4-year term after which replacement candidates will be identified by the 89 AW Commander, nominated to the Air Force Chief of Staff, and forwarded to the Director, WHMO, who will select the new Chief, PPO.

4.2. Permanently assigned PPO personnel will include aircrews, maintenance, supply, operations resource management, services, first sergeant, and orderly room personnel.

4.3. The Chief, PPO will select all personnel assigned to the PPO, including augmentees.

4.4. Aircrew augmentees will be assigned to the 89th Operations Group (89 OG). They will be made available to maintain currency/proficiency and to supplement the PPO as determined by the Chief, PPO.

4.5. Security police augmentees will be assigned to the 89th Security Police Squadron (89 SPS). They will be made available to supplement the PPO as determined by the Chief, PPO.

4.6. Logistics augmentees will be assigned to the 89th Logistics Group (89 LG). They will be made available to supplement the PPO as determined by the Chief, PPO.

5. Support:

5.1. The 89 AW will provide aircraft and assets in direct support of PPO missions. The Chief, PPO may designate qualification levels and crew complements or select specific crewmembers for Presidential/ Presidential support missions.

5.2. The 89 AW will direct all media and public affairs requests concerning the VC-25A and Presidential missions to the Chief, PPO.

5.3. The 89 OG will administer all aspects of the aircrew standardization/evaluation program.

5.4. The 89 LG will provide dedicated secure fuel trucks and other logistics assets as required to support PPO missions.

5.5. The 89th Operational Support Squadron will provide dedicated weather support for all Presidential missions. Two highly experienced weather forecasters whose primary duty is weather support will be identified and be on call for en route briefings, weather updates, and hazardous weather watch prior to and during each Presidential aircraft flight.

5.6. Consistent with Air Force and DoD guidance, the Chief, PPO and installation chief of security police will, in coordination, determine minimum security requirements for the PPO support facility and aircraft assigned to the Presidential fleet. The Chief, PPO has approval authority for issuing restricted area badges and unescorted entry lists for Presidential aircraft and facilities. The 89 AW/CC, 89 AW/CV, and 89 AW/CCC will have unescorted entry access into the PPO support facility.

5.7. The 89 SPS administers the Yankee White clearance program. Unit commanders will manage assigned Yankee White slots to ensure sufficient highly qualified personnel are available to perform support and augmentee duties for PPO.

6. Evaluation and Assessment. The 89 AW/CC will direct annually, an administrative, safety, and operational assessment to ensure that PPO meets all appropriate Air Force standards.

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