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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of the Air Force Doctrine Center (AFDC).

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

This revision reflects changes to the OPR, certifying authority, and approval authority based on the 2002 revision to AFI 10-101. Changed or revised material from previous edition is indicated by a bar ( | ).

**1. Mission.** The Headquarters Air Force Doctrine Center (HQ AFDC) leads the Air Force in the development of current and future doctrine, and acts as the Air Force's arbiter on doctrinal issues and positions. Key tasks include developing and publishing of basic and operational-level doctrine for the Air Force; assisting Air Force major commands (MAJCOMs) in their development of tactical doctrine (Air Force Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures [AFTTP]); representing the Air Force in the development of joint and multinational doctrine; advocating the proper doctrinal representation of air and space power in exercise scenarios, wargames, models and simulations; and monitoring Service -wide doctrine education policies. HQ AFDC is a direct reporting unit of the Headquarters, United States Air Force.

**2. Command.** The Commander, HQ AFDC:

- 2.1. Is directly responsible to the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
- 2.2. Commands, organizes, manages, supervises and inspects the HQ AFDC.
- 2.3. Is responsible for mission execution, discipline, morale, and welfare of assigned personnel.
- 2.4. Coordinates directly with the Joint Warfighting Center, the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, the Naval Doctrine Command, and the Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

2.5. Is authorized direct communication with doctrine developers of Air Force MAJCOMs and FOAs, other services, the Joint Staff, and other countries on matters related to joint and multinational doctrine development.

**3. Responsibilities.** HQ AFDC will:

3.1. Be the Air Force focal point for doctrine development, advocacy, research, and publication.

3.2. Articulate the proper role of air and space power to include the evolving role of information superiority in the development and promulgation of Air Force, other services, joint, and multinational doctrine.

3.3. Review the application of doctrine education systems in the career-long, continuum of education for all Air Force personnel.

3.4. Represent the Air Force at multi-Service doctrinal forums.

3.5. Be the Air Force lead agent for ensuring proper doctrinal representation of air and space power in the Air Force and joint wargames, exercises, and in modeling and simulation.

3.6. Develop doctrinal tenets to address offensive and defensive components enabled by achieving information superiority

3.7. Examine and assess future technologies, operational concepts, and strategies for their impact on doctrine.

3.8. Maintain awareness of Air Force future planning, and sit on the Air Force Long-Range Planning Board of Directors.

3.9. Be a member of the Joint Actions Steering Committee for the Air Land Sea Application (ALSA) Center.

3.10. Establish an Air Force Doctrine Working Group.

3.11. When designated as lead agent by the Joint Staff, serve as the Primary Review Authority (PRA) for multinational and joint doctrine, as well as joint tactics, techniques, and procedures (JTTP) publications.

3.12. Serve as Service Coordinating Review Authority (CRA) for joint doctrine and JTTPs when the Air Force is not designated lead agent.

3.13. Ensure Air Force and multi-Service tactical level doctrine is consistent with basic and operational-level Air Force doctrine. Assists MAJCOMs in their development of multi-Service tactical-level doctrine documents.

3.14. Review plans and strategies developed or under consideration by the Joint Staff, the Air Staff, Air Force MAJCOMs, and air components of unified commands.

3.15. Maintain close liaison with Services, joint, professional military education schools, and foreign militaries to facilitate an understanding of air and space power.

3.15.1. Maintain Air Force representation at selected US Army Schools/Centers. Provide liaison/advice on air and space basic and operational doctrine, Service organization, mission, equipment capabilities, and JTTPs.

3.16. Serve as the principal US delegate to NATO's Air Operations Working Group.

3.17. Serve as the focal point for formulating and implementing policy related to Air Force terminology, and provide the overall direction, management, and implementation of the Air Force Military Terminology Standardization program.

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