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(USAFE)**

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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities for United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE).

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Broadens the scope of USAFE's mission beyond air combat and deletes specific references to command-ing Numbered Air Forces and providing air component commanders.

1. Mission. U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) organizes, trains and equips its forces for independent, joint, or combined military operations. USAFE provides the combatant commander rapidly deployable, capabilities-focused expeditionary air and space forces to conduct the full spectrum of military operations. USAFE also enhances transatlantic security, promotes regional stability, and advances U.S. interests in Europe, the Mediterranean, the Russian Federation, the Caspian Sea, the Middle East and assigned nations in Africa. This organization is a Major Command of the United States Air Force and the Air Force component of United States European Command (USEUCOM).

2. Command. The USAFE Commander:

2.1. Is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the US Air Force for administration, organization, training, and equipping of assigned forces.

2.2. Commands US Air Force forces assigned/attached to USEUCOM.

2.2.1. By direction of CSAF, exercises administrative control (ADCON) over assigned and attached forces.

2.2.2. By direction of Commander, USEUCOM, exercises operational control (OPCON) over assigned and attached forces.

3. Responsibilities. USAFE Commander:

- 3.1. Plans, coordinates, supports, conducts employment of air and space operations to achieve USEUCOM and NATO objectives based on USEUCOM tasking.
- 3.2. On order, provides assigned forces to other combatant commands.
- 3.3. Establishes, sustains, improves, maintains and operates USAFE bases and facilities throughout the USEUCOM Area of Responsibility.

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