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**SPACE GROUP/SPACE OPERATIONS
SQUADRON**

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This mission directive states the mission and establishes the responsibilities for Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) space group (SG) and space operations squadrons (SOPS).

1. Mission:

1.1. Peacetime. The foremost mission of the SG is to provide command and staff supervision for assigned units. Inherent in this tasking is the requirement to ensure its assigned units and individuals are trained and prepared to accomplish assigned missions in support of group objectives. SOPS train to provide space craft command and control for the Defense Satellite Program (DSP) and the Navstar Global Positioning System (GPS). The unit's concept of operations directs either an associate mode or back-up mode of operations.

1.2. Wartime/Emergencies. Governed by gaining command directives.

2. Command. The SG is assigned to Tenth Air Force (10 AF). SOPS are assigned to the SG. The SG and SOPS functionally align for structural compatibility with their active duty counterpart. Their peacetime structure maintains effective operations with the least expenditure of resources and organizational turbulence upon wartime mobilization. This mission directive applies to all Air Force Reserve space units unless under HQ USAF/XPM approved waiver.

3. Assigned Forces . While in peacetime status and during 2 weeks of annual training, the SG is under the direct control and supervision of 10 AF and the SOPS under the control of SG. Under Presidential call-up pursuant to Title 10 U.S.C. 12304, administrative jurisdiction remains unchanged. Operational control transfers to the commander of the gaining command. Under full mobilization authority, command jurisdiction transfers to the commander of the unit to which assigned by the gaining command.

4. Relationships to Other Units. Established command channels apply. Communicates directly with the active duty advisory unit/advisors on matters relating to training, inspection, and safety. Sends a copy of such correspondence to the respective unit to which assigned.

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