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SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRONS (SOS)

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This mission directive prescribes the mission and establishes the responsibilities for Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) special operations squadrons (SOS).

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision updates terminology, redefines the relationship to other units, and updates attachment 1, Applicability. A () indicates revisions from previous edition.

1. Mission:

1.1. Peacetime. The primary mission of the SOS is to train to achieve the capability to conduct air operations in support of conventional and/or unconventional warfare operations with assigned weapon systems. This training will emphasize:

1.1.1. MC-130P, Combat Shadow. Close formation for night operations using night vision goggles, low level, aerial refueling of special operations helicopters, infil/exfil and resupply using air-drop or airland procedures, daylight capabilities to penetrate hostile or denied territory.

1.1.2. MC-130E, Combat Talon I. Night, low level, all weather infil/exfil, helicopter aerial refueling, resupply, capabilities to deep penetrate to perform these missions in denied airspace.

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

2. Command. The SOS is assigned to the AFRC Special Operations Wing. The peacetime structure of AFRC SOS design maintains effective operations with the most cost effective expenditure of resources and minimizes organizational turbulence upon wartime mobilization. These squadrons functionally align for structural compatibility with their active duty counterparts.

3. Assigned Forces. While in peacetime status and during 2 weeks of annual training, SOS are under the direct control and supervision of the AFRC Special Operations Wing to which assigned. Under Presiden-

tial 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 mobilization authority, command jurisdiction transfers to the commander of the unit to which assigned by the gaining command.

4. Relationship to Other Units. Established command channels apply. With the creation of the AFRC and AFSOC Associate and Reserve Associate Unit Program each unit will communicate directly with the active duty associated unit on matters relating to training, inspection, and safety. The 5 SOS is currently associated with the 9 SOS, the active duty squadron. The 711 SOS is associated in reverse to the 8SOS, the active duty unit. Send copy of such correspondence to the respective unit to which assigned to include the point of contact at the numbered Air Force (NAF) and HQ AFRC.

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Attachment 1

APPLICABILITY

UNIT

LOCATION

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Eglin Aux Fld 3 FL

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Eglin AFB FL