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This mission directive implements policy guidance in AFD 10-1, *Mission Directives*, AFI 10-101, *Format and Content of Mission Directives*, and AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*. The mission directive defines the mission, command relationship, responsibilities, and organization of the 18th Air Force. It also applies to the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units, effective upon the date of unit activation.

### ***SUMMARY OF REVISIONS***

**This document is completely revised and must be reviewed in its entirety.**

**1. Mission.** The 18th Air Force commands assigned forces, presents air mobility forces (airlift and air refueling) and support forces to the combatant commanders through the United States Transportation Command, and acts as the Commander, Air Force Forces, and Joint Force Air Component Commander, when so designated.

**2. Command.** The Commander, 18th Air Force:

- 2.1. Is under the command of the Commander, Air Mobility Command (AMC) and normal command channels apply except when otherwise authorized.
- 2.2. Exercises administrative and operational control over assigned forces and, when mobilized, gained Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard forces.

**3. Responsibilities.** The Commander, 18th Air Force:

- 3.1. Insures subordinate commands' nonwarfighting (i.e., policy, organizing, training, and equipping) and appropriate support issues are directed to the AMC staff for resolution.
- 3.2. Executes the warfighting roles and responsibilities as determined by the Commander, Air Mobility Command.

- 3.3. Commands assigned forces and employs aerospace power to exploit the global capabilities and strategic perspectives to achieve our battlefield objectives.
- 3.4. Commands assigned units, aircraft, and support forces to accomplish airlift and air refueling requirements as tasked by higher headquarters.
- 3.5. Exercises general and special court-martial convening authority.
- 3.6. Exercises Class B mishap convening authority.

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**Attachment 1**

**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORT INFORMATION**

***References***

AFPD 10-1, *Mission Directives*

AFI 10-101, *Format and Content of Mission Directives*

AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*

***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

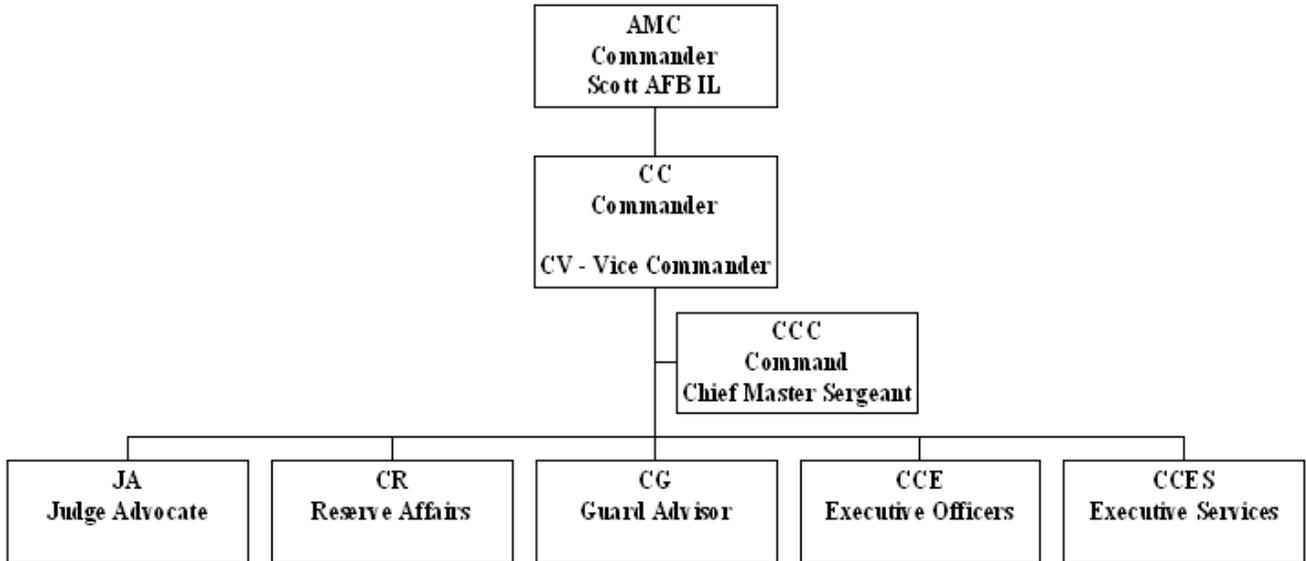
**AMC**—Air Mobility Command

**AOC**—Air Operation Center

**TACC**—Tanker Airlift Control Center

**Attachment 2**

**18TH AIR FORCE STAFF**



Attachment 3

18TH AIR FORCE UNITS

