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Mission Directives

**AIR MOBILITY COMMAND OPERATIONS
GROUP AND SQUADRONS**

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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Deletes paragraph 2.8, Aircraft Generation Squadron. Renumbers paragraph 2.9 to **2.8**. Adds formal aircrew training to the Operations Support Squadron mission statement, paragraph **2.7**. Deletes Aircraft Generation Squadrons as an objective wing waiver, paragraph **4.2**. Adds Life Support Flight, Quality Assurance/Process Improvement, and Formal Aircrew Training Flight as an objective wing waiver, paragraph **4.2**. Deletes Quality Assurance/Process Improvement functional statement from Operations Group, Attachment 1. Deletes Life Support functional statement within the Airlift Squadrons, Attachment 1. Adds Life Support Flight and Formal Aircrew Training Flight functional statements to the Operations Support Squadron, Attachment 1. Deletes maintenance functional statement from the Airlift and Air Refueling Squadrons, Attachment 1. Deletes Aircraft Generation Squadron functional statement, Attachment 1. Adds Air Refueling Wing organization structure to **Attachment 2**. Adds Life Support Flight and Formal Aircrew Training Flight to the Operations Support Squadron, **Attachment 2**. Deletes Attachment 3, Air Refueling Wing Operations Group.

1. Organization Authority. This regulation implements AFPD 10-1, *Mission Directives*.

2. Mission. AMC Operations Groups and their subordinate squadrons plan, control, and accomplish their assigned functional missions. Mission statements cover Operations Groups and Squadrons in all types of AMC wings. Attachment 1 reflects statements of the principle functions performed by the Operations Group and subordinate squadrons down through flight level.

2.1. Operations Group. Airlifts troops, cargo, military equipment, passengers (including the President and members of the Cabinet), mail, and aeromedical evacuation patients to and from areas requiring such airlift. Provides air refueling support to Department of Defense, Air Force, and allied aircraft. Participates in operations involving airland or airdrop of troops, equipment, and supplies. Supports special operations forces. Provides air refueling and strategic support for conventional operations.

2.2. Airlifts troops, cargo, military equipment, passengers (including the President and members of the Cabinet), mail, and aeromedical evacuation patients to and from areas requiring such airlift. Participates in operations involving airland or airdrop of troops, equipment, and supplies. Supports special operations forces.

2.3. Air Refueling Squadron. Provides air refueling support to Air Force, DoD, and allied forces for peacetime, contingency, and conventional operations, as required. Supports nuclear forces under the Single Integrated Operations Plan (SIOP). Provides strategic and organic airlift support, as required. Where authorized, provides management and oversight of the Companion Trainer Program. Supports special operations forces.

2.4. Helicopter Squadron. Airlifts troops, cargo, military equipment, passengers (including the President and members of the Cabinet), mail, and aeromedical evacuation patients to and from areas requiring such airlift. Supports special operations forces.

2.5. Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Provides in-flight medical care to US Armed Forces' patients, their dependents, and other patients authorized for evacuation.

2.6. Aerial Port Squadron. Operates air terminal facilities at AMC aerial ports to move passengers, mail, and cargo by military or military contract aircraft. During mobility operations, deploys personnel and equipment to provide sustained support of airlift operations at established fixed and or non-fixed terminals.

2.7. Operations Support Squadron. Provides intelligence, scheduling, combat tactics, training, aircrew life support, airfield and air traffic operations, and weather support to the operations squadrons in an operations group. Provides aerial delivery support when no aerial port squadron exists. Conducts formal aircrew training for KC-10 and C-9 aircrew personnel.

2.8. Combat Control Squadron. Organizes, trains, and equips combat control teams to rapidly establish assault zones and to control expeditionary airfields. Provides tactical air traffic control at these zones in austere and/or combat environments. Conducts reconnaissance of potential assault zone sites and initial placement of en route and terminal navigational aids. Provides command, control, and communications and removal of obstacles and unexploded ordnance.

3. Command. The Operations Group is assigned to an AMC Air Mobility, Airlift, or Air Refueling Wing.

4. Organizational Structure. The organization structures prescribed in this directive are in accordance with (IAW) AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organizational Structure*, and Air Force-approved waivers to the standard group structure. [Attachment 2](#) and [Attachment 3](#) reflect the approved Operations Group structure for Airlift, Air Mobility, and Air Refueling Wings, respectively.

4.1. Applicability Statement. This mission directive applies to AMC Air Mobility, Airlift, and Air Refueling Wings. It applies to Air National Guard and US Air Force Reserve units, effective on the date of the unit's mobilization.

4.2. Objective Wing Waivers. Airlift Life Support is aligned under the Operations Support Squadron as a separate flight for wings possessing the C-5, C-141, and C-17 weapons systems. The Aerial Delivery Flight is aligned in the Operations Support Squadron at installations without an Aerial Port Squadron. Formal Aircrew Training is aligned under the Operations Support Squadron to conduct aircrew training and certification for KC-10 and C-9 aircrew personnel. Flight line aircraft maintenance

for strategic and tanker aircraft is located in the Aircraft Generation Squadron and aligned under the Logistics Group. Quality Assurance/Process Improvement functions are realigned to the Logistics Group to support aircraft maintenance activities. Traffic Management Flight is aligned in the Aerial Port Squadron.

4.3. Organization Changes. Requests to change the organizational structure must be made IAW AFI 38-101. Request must be submitted, with proposed mission directives and organization charts, IAW AFPD 10-1 and AFI 38-101 to HQ AMC/XPM for approval.

5. Relationship to Other Units or Agencies. Direct communications by the Operations Group is authorized with HQ AMC in the functional areas not on the Numbered Air Force staff. Interservice support may be received or provided IAW DODI 4000.19, *Interservice, Interdepartmental, and Interagency Support*.

6. Terms Explained. None.

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Attachment 1**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT FOR OPERATIONS GROUP**

Formulates plans, establishes procedures, and directs accomplishment of the assigned mission. Unit administration support of group commander and staff is provided by operations support squadron.

Standardization and Evaluation

Conducts standardization and evaluation of assigned and squadron level aircrew personnel. Establishes operating techniques and procedures to ensure aircrew operational efficiency and safety.

Special Operations

Plans, coordinates, schedules, and briefs aircrews on conducting special operations missions.

Special Missions

Plans, coordinates, schedules, and briefs aircrews on conducting special airlift missions.

Attachment 2**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT FOR AIRLIFT SQUADRONS**

Formulates plans, establishes procedures for, and directs the operation of assigned aircraft in accomplishment of assigned missions. Provides unit administration services for all assigned or attached personnel.

Operations Officer

Plans, organizes, and supervises operational and training missions. Ensures assigned and attached aircrew members are properly trained and meet proficiency requirements.

Operations Data Management

Performs operations management.

Flight Crews

Performs operational and training missions in assigned aircraft. Maintains crew proficiency by accomplishing continuation, upgrade, and on-the-job training, as required. Designated individuals conduct flight evaluations for assigned aircrew members.

Attachment 3**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT FOR AIR REFUELING SQUADRONS**

Formulates plans, establishes procedures for, and directs the operation of assigned aircraft in accomplishment of assigned missions. Where authorized, provides management and oversight for the Companion Trainer Program. Provides unit administration services for all assigned or attached personnel.

Flight Medicine

Performs flight surgeon duties and attends to medical problems of squadron personnel within the scope of facilities and equipment available. Maintains medical records for all flight personnel.

Operations Officer

Plans, organizes, and supervises operational and training missions. Ensures assigned and attached aircrew members are properly trained and meet proficiency requirements.

Operations Data Management

Performs operations management.

Life Support

Provides proper care, use, inspection, and maintenance of life support equipment IAW applicable technical orders (TOs) and directives. Requisitions, stores, inspects, maintains, and configures aircraft with required life support equipment. Maintains current file of applicable publications, directives, and TOs. Provides wing aircrew continuation training program with training augmentees.

Flight Crews

Performs operational and training missions in assigned aircraft. Maintains crew proficiency by accomplishing continuation, qualification, and upgrade training, as required. Designated individuals conduct flight evaluations for assigned aircrew members.

Attachment 4**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT FOR HELICOPTER SQUADRON**

Formulates plans, establishes procedures for, and directs the operation of assigned aircraft in accomplishment of assigned missions. Provides unit administration services for all assigned or attached personnel.

Operations Officer

Plans, organizes, and supervises operational and training missions. Ensures assigned and attached aircrew members are properly trained and meet proficiency requirements.

Operations Data Management

Performs operations management.

Life Support

Provides proper care, use, inspection, and maintenance of life support equipment IAW applicable technical orders (TOs) and directives. Requisitions, stores, inspects, maintains, and configures aircraft with required life support equipment. Maintains current file of applicable publications, directives, and TOs. Provides wing aircrew continuation training program with training augmentees.

Flight Crews

Performs operational and training missions in assigned aircraft. Maintains crew proficiency by accomplishing continuation, upgrade, and on-the-job training, as required.

Maintenance Officer

Manages resources to provide inspection, launch, recovery, and on-equipment maintenance of assigned aircraft. May provide assistance with en route and transient aircraft when beyond the capability of Transient Alert. Ensures logistics training is commensurate with job requirements. Assures capability to mobilize.

Scheduling

Schedules and coordinates all aircraft maintenance activities.

Unit Training Manager

Administers and implements training policy for the squadron. Serves as the training focal point for all squadron maintenance personnel. Coordinates training activities and schedules with the Logistics Support Squadron logistics training flight.

Sortie Generation Flight

Accomplishes all maintenance on aircraft and associated equipment. Provides preflight, basic postflight, through-flight aircraft servicing, and unscheduled on-equipment maintenance. Accomplishes time compliance technical orders when directed, as well as ground handling, launch, and recovery of aircraft. May support transient aircraft when requirements exceed the capability of Transient Maintenance.

Sortie Support Flight

Acquires and maintains necessary tools, support equipment, bench stock and 780/-21 equipment, and special tools to support flight line maintenance.

Attachment 5**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT FOR AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON**

Formulates plans, establishes procedures for, and directs the accomplishment of assigned aeromedical evacuation mission. Provides unit administration services for all assigned or attached personnel.

Aeromedical Evacuation Management

Manages unit resources, logistics, medical readiness and training, and mobility plans. Provides facility manager.

In-flight Medical Care

Provides continuity of patient care through preflight assessment and planning, in-flight nursing support, and postflight evaluation for assigned aeromedical evacuation missions. Provides and maintains aeromedical crew capability through professional staff development and ground and in-flight aircrew training. Conducts quality assurance/risk management programs as required.

Standardization/Evaluation

Conducts flight evaluations for assigned flight nurses and aeromedical evacuation technicians.

Attachment 6**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT FOR AERIAL PORT SQUADRON**

Formulates plans, establishes procedures for, and directs the providing of aerial port support for assigned and AMC en route aircraft, passengers, and cargo. Trains and deploys personnel to support worldwide AMC airlift missions. Provides unit administration services for all assigned or attached personnel.

Air Terminal Operations Center Flight

Performs aircraft load planning and airlift capability forecasting. Provides air terminal information control. Performs lost and damaged cargo investigations. Performs ramp coordination duties, computer operations, and system administration. Maintains, stations, files, and prepares reports.

Air Freight Flight

Processes and provides intransit cargo storage. On- and off-loads cargo to and from aircraft. Processes, handles, and provides intransit storage of hazardous and other special category cargo. Provides recuperage for intransit freight. Maintains and repairs conveyor systems.

Air Passenger Flight

Determines passenger eligibility. Processes inbound, outbound, and intransit passengers and their baggage. Provides terminal security.

Combat Readiness and Resources Flight

Plans mobility deployment of unit personnel and equipment. Prepares squadron mobility requirements. Manages unit resources programs.

Traffic Management Flight

Manages and operates the traffic management system for movement of personal property, freight, and passengers. Located in transportation squadron where there is no aerial port squadron.

Aerial Delivery Flight

Where assigned, builds and rigs airdrop loads and aircraft loads. Packs, repairs, and dries parachutes. Schedules and coordinates load operations. Performs airdrop inspections, material control, and drop zone recovery.

Fleet Services Flight

Removes and disposes of aircraft waste. Delivers in-flight meals, potable water, and passenger convenience items. Orders passenger convenience items. Cleans aircraft interiors and galleys.

Mobility Flight

Provides manpower and equipment to conduct cargo and passenger aircraft operations at deployed locations. Operates in austere conditions. Provides augmentation to fixed aerial port squadrons, en route Air Mobility Support Squadrons, and CONUS theater locations as required. Trains with host aerial port when in-garrison.

Attachment 7**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT FOR OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON**

Formulates plans, establishes procedures for, and directs providing current operations, tactics, life support, intelligence, airfield operations, and weather support to operations squadrons. Provides support to operations group commander and staff. Provides unit administration services for all assigned or attached personnel.

Current Operations Flight

Manages annual flying-hour program. Coordinates the integration of squadron schedules into the wing flying schedule. Manages wing life support operations and aircrew training programs and aircrew flight records. Manages and conducts group level aircrew academic training. Oversees the database management duties for the operations group. Provides quality assurance evaluation of aircrew training contracts IAW the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan.

Weapons and Tactics Flight

Supplies technical input related to all aspects of employment of airlift and refueling forces against opposing forces for the planning of exercises and contingency operations. Develops new tactics and policies, and provides technical guidance for the airlift and refueling training programs. Manages electronic countermeasures environment training assets. Manages flight operations for the Companion Trainer Program.

Intelligence Flight

Manages, controls, collects, processes, and disseminates intelligence products for planning, operational, and training purposes. Briefs and debriefs operations personnel on intelligence affecting operational missions. Provides intelligence support to NAFs, where collocated.

Aerial Delivery Flight

Where assigned, builds and rigs airdrop loads and aircraft loads. Packs, repairs, and dries parachutes. Schedules and coordinates load operations. Performs airdrop inspections, material control, and drop zone recovery.

Air Field Operations Flight

Provides air traffic control operations and air field management.

Weather Flight

Manages, collects, processes, and disseminates weather information and products, as requested. Provides weather support to the NAF, where collocated. Trains and deploys personnel to support worldwide AMC mobility missions.

Formal Aircrew Training Flight

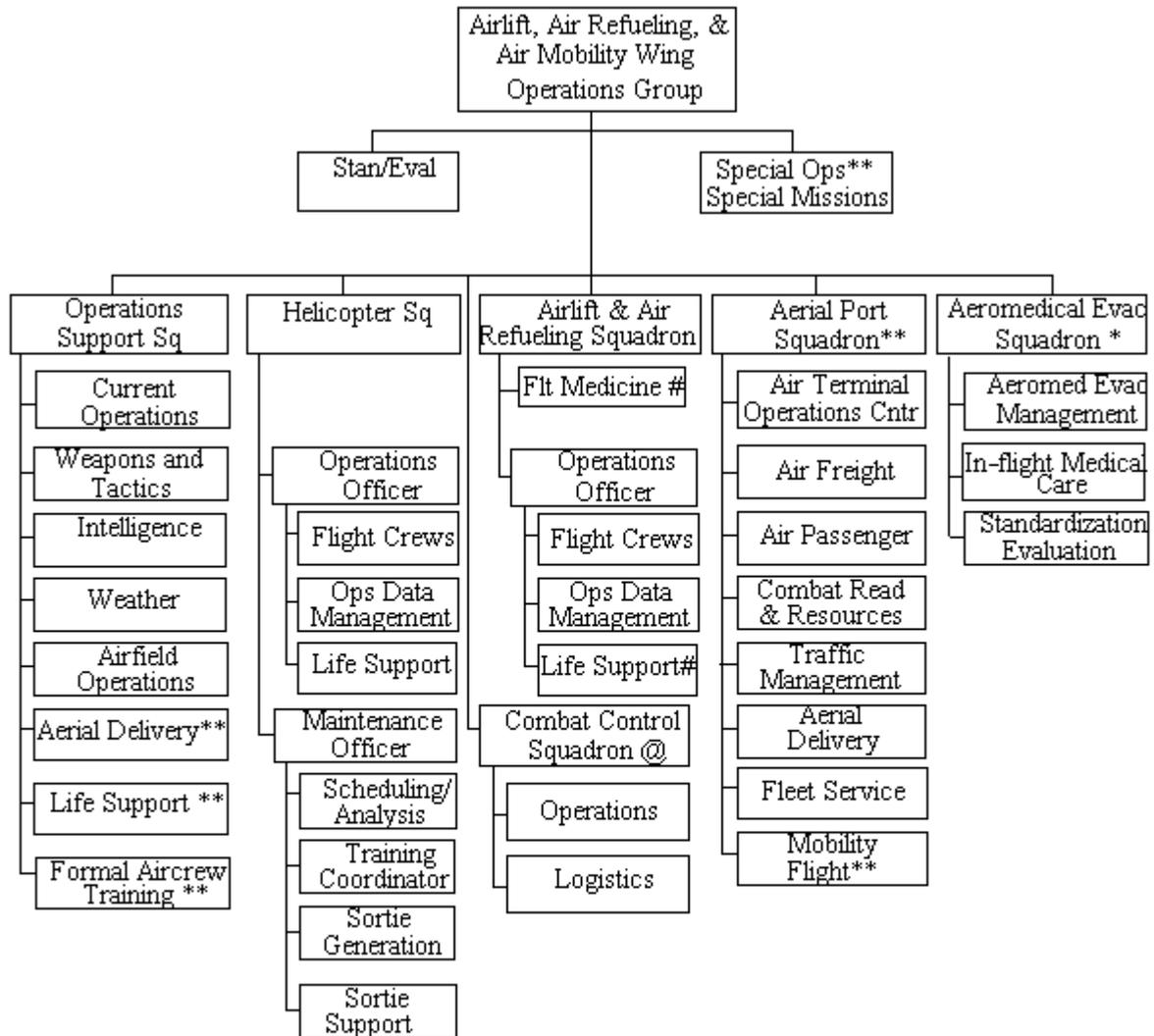
Manages the formal aircrew training and instruction for aircrew personnel. Conducts initial qualification and requalification training for weapons systems pilots, flight engineers, and boom operators. Conducts instructor upgrade, pilot upgrade, and senior staff training. Conducts aircrew phase 1B ground and flight training. Conducts student evaluations and certifications. Maintains student flight training records. Ensures accomplishment of all training events prior to certification. Prepares correspondence on the Programmed Flying Training (PFT) management, waivers, course completion, and recommendations for

improvement. Develops, updates, and maintains course curricula, training aids, tapes, and lesson plans. Attends formal aircrew training conferences. Maintains mission ready status.

Life Support Flight

Provides functional oversight and implements life support policy, procedures, and ensures personnel qualifications, equipment, and manning meet mission requirements. Performs self-assessments, develops and publishes supplements, and evaluates and assesses life support contingency operations during local exercises. Directs and monitors life support aircrew continuation training programs and certifies personnel responsible for providing life support training. At Air Mobility Wings, provides oversight of airlift and tanker life support shops to ensure proper care, use, inspection, and maintenance of life support equipment. Requisitions, stores, inspects, maintains, and configures aircraft with required life support equipment. Maintains current file of applicable publications, directives, and TOs. Provides wing aircrew continuation training program with training augmentees.

Figure A7.1. Airlift, Air Refueling & Air Mobility Wing Operations Group.



- * Authorized at 375 AW
- ** Where authorized
- # Authorized in Air Refueling Squadrons only
- @ Authorized at McChord AFB and Charleston AFB