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This publication gives command procedures for convening and conducting Class A aerospace accident investigation boards within the Pacific Air Forces Command (PACAF) area of responsibility. This supplement provides for delegation of Class A aircraft accident investigation board (AIB) convening authority to the vice commander, establishes a process for nomination and appointment of all AIB team members, and sets forth procedures for HQ PACAF staff review of PACAF AIB reports. This supplement applies to Air Force Reserve personnel when attached to PACAF units and to Air National Guard member in Title 10 status attached to PACAF.

AFI 51-503, 9 August 2002, is supplemented as follows:

2.1.2. Authority for convening AIBs for Class A mishaps is delegated to PACAF/CV.

2.2.1. Authority to appoint or substitute additional Class A AIB members or technical advisors and administrative support is delegated to PACAF/SJA.

2.2.2. PACAF/SEC will provide PACAF/JAC an updated list of AFSC-trained board presidents quarterly. PACAF/JAC will consult with PACAF/SEF for assistance in identifying eligible AIB presidents.

2.2.3. (Added) Following a Class A mishap, PACAF/JAC will contact the PACAF Directorates required to nominate technical advisors for a Class A AIB. AFI 51-503 does not require special training for technical advisors. The Directorate may request nominees from any PACAF unit other than the mishap wing. PACAF/LG will nominate maintenance members. PACAF/SG will nominate flight surgeon members, as needed. PACAF/DO will nominate a rated technical advisor, as needed. PACAF/JA will nominate a legal advisor based on NAF recommendation. PACAF/PA will nominate a public affairs member, when needed.

2.8.1. Units will use their own local fund cites to fund Class A AIB member travel initially. Once the AIB is complete, local FMAs will seek reimbursement from the Director of Financial Management (PACAF/FMA). Consult local finance office for guidance on payment of TDY travel.

3.1.2. After the convening authority identifies the Class A AIB President and host installation commander, PACAF/SJA may sign the appointing/announcing documents on behalf of the convening authority.

3.2.1. PACAF/JAC tasks Numbered Air Force Staff Judge Advocates to identify legal advisors for Class A mishaps. Where possible, the legal advisor will be from the same unit as the AIB President. The convening authority's SJA prepares AIB appointment and host installation designation letters.

3.2.4. For Class A mishaps, PACAF/JAC will staff the completed report with appropriate PACAF Directorates. If any of these reviewers has comments, those may be forwarded to the AIB President, as appropriate, for consideration prior to sending the report to the convening authority for approval. The AIB President may elect, but is not required, to revise the report or the opinion based on these comments.

3.2.7. PACAF/PA, in coordination with PACAF/JA, will prepare and staff a public release and distribution plan for Class A mishaps to be presented to the convening authority for approval.

3.3.1. For Class A mishaps, the AIB President prepares an electronic copy of the report narrative and opinion and sends it, along with the required number of hard copy reports to HQ PACAF/JA, 25 E Street, Suite A-314, Hickam AFB HI 96853-5403.

6.2.5. (Added) Consult host base SJA, PACAF/JAC and PACAF/JAI for guidance on arranging, conducting and documenting interviews of foreign nationals. As needed, the host base SJA will assist the host base liaison in arranging for an interpreter to participate in interviews of foreign national witnesses.

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