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15TH AIR BASE WING (ABW)

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This mission directive prescribes the mission, area of responsibility, organization, responsibilities, and command relationships of the 15 ABW as authorized by AFR 23-27. This publication does not apply to the Air National Guard or US Air Force Reserve units and members.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision reformats and restates responsibilities, relationships and communications. Responsibility for US airspace sovereignty of the HADR was added. Directing the DOD Model Installation Program was deleted.

1. MISSION. The mission of the 15 ABW is to command, operate, maintain and provide internal security for all Air Force installations and assigned units under its jurisdiction; to provide air operations, administrative, logistics, and base service support to HQ PACAF and associate organizations in accordance with existing directives or agreements; to prepare supplementary plans and programs essential in support of Commander, Pacific Air Forces (COMPACAF) contingency and related plans. 15ABW/CC serves as Commander Hawaiian Air Defense Region (HADR) and as such is responsible for air defense operations as specified in USCINCPACINST S3320.2G. As COMHADR 15 ABW/CC exercises OPCON of HIANG alert F-15s during peace time.

2. SUPPORT AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. The 15 ABW support area of responsibility (SAOR) includes the Hawaiian Islands, Wake Island, Johnston Island, and other island groups in the Central and Southern Pacific Ocean as required. The Wing also discharges certain support responsibilities in the Far East, New Zealand, and Australia as directed. The nature and scope of such responsibilities are outlined in appropriate directives and support agreements.

3. ORGANIZATION. The 15 ABW is a subordinate command of PACAF and is provided with a headquarters and units and facilities as directed by COMPACAF.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Commander, 15 ABW, will:

- 4.1. Exercise command of forces assigned to 15 ABW. Provide personnel, administrative and logistics support to security, logistical, financial, personnel and administrative support to assigned and attached units. Exercise operational control and direct employment, as appropriate, of all active-duty and Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) forces assigned, attached, or otherwise made available for the support of the air defense mission. Assume command of HIANG forces assigned upon mobilization. Control, coordinate and maintain recognition, as necessary, of all air defense activities that take place within the boundaries of the HADR.
- 4.2. Represent COMPACAF in negotiations between United States and foreign individuals and agencies on matters of interest to COMPACAF, as directed.
- 4.3. Represent COMPACAF in the conduct of Air Force affairs with federal, state, city, and county governments and civic organizations within the Hawaiian area, as directed.
- 4.4. Develop, maintain and be prepared to execute plans in support of PACAF and USCINCPAC operations plans and planning directives. Coordinate such plans with appropriate military commanders, US government agencies, and civil agencies as necessary.
- 4.5. Provide intermediate maintenance and logistics support for the USCINCPAC and COMPACAF VC-135 aircraft.
- 4.6. Conduct air base operability planning, explosive ordnance disposal, base/civil defense and disaster control activities; and provide Air Force representation on the Joint Armed Services Civil Defense Coordinating Committee. Provide disaster preparedness assistance to HIANG units.
- 4.7. Support and participate in search and rescue activities as directed.
- 4.8. Organize, equip, and maintain operational readiness of assigned and supporting units and accomplish individual and unit training according to Air Force/PACAF directives and procedures.
- 4.9. Provide overall planning, programming, implementation and management for USAF owned and operated information and Air Traffic Control Systems within 15 ABW SAOR.
- 4.10. Develop and conduct administrative, technical, and specialized training programs to fulfill requirements of COMPACAF, DOD tenants, and Ready-Reserve mobilization trainees.
- 4.11. Ensure an awareness of operational security (OPSEC) and communications security (COMSEC) throughout designated 15 ABW SAOR, including the establishment of a TEMPEST program (TEMPEST refers to the investigation/study of compromising emanation).
- 4.12. Provide for internal security of assigned installations.
- 4.13. Exercise general court-martial jurisdiction over Air Force personnel in 15 ABW SAOR.
- 4.14. Direct accident-prevention effort of all assigned units and provide accident-prevention support to attached tenant units specified in host-tenant agreements and all others, as directed.
- 4.15. Provide for acquisition, construction, maintenance, and operation of real property, and provide related management, engineering, and other work and services in support of the mission or designated installations and facilities.
- 4.16. Administer, and maintain accounting records, and provide a central procurement agency for Air Force appropriated and non-appropriated fund activities.

- 4.17. Administer the Air Force Civilian Personnel Program within 15 ABW SAOR.
- 4.18. Provide an alternate emergency-landing site and systems support for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Space Shuttle.
- 4.19. Provide support to local Civil Air Patrol units as authorized in appropriate USAF regulations and as directed by HQ PACAF.
- 4.20. Disseminate air defense warning information to geographically separated 15 ABW units.
- 4.21. Monitor and evaluate air defense requirements of the HADR. Coordinate with the HIANG and other commands, as appropriate, for improvement of the Hawaii aircraft control and warning system. When appropriate, provide recommendations to Commander, Pacific Air Forces (COMPACAF), on force requirements and systems improvements.
- 4.22. Acquire, evaluate and apply intelligence data as required for effective force employment.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER COMMANDS, UNITS, OR AGENCIES. The Commander, 15 ABW:

- 5.1. Is under the operational control of COMPACAF.
- 5.2. When directed by COMPACAF, exercises command authority over all assigned operational and support forces, units, bases, installations, and facilities.

6. DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS. The Commander, 15 ABW, is authorized direct communications with other officials as specified below. Should these matters encompass major policies that affect Air Force units, HQ PACAF coordination will be obtained. Further, information copies of all communications concerning these matters will be provided to COMPACAF.

- 6.1. PACAF subordinate commanders and, as appropriate, other operational units on matters pertaining to the 15 ABW mission and support responsibilities.
- 6.2. Local military and federal commanders/officials on inter-service endeavors and objectives of mutual concern.
- 6.3. Appropriate air logistics centers and commands on supply and equipment support actions.
- 6.4. Federal, state, city and county officials, members of civil organizations, and the news media in the interest of promoting and maintaining effective Air Force relations with all elements of the island community.

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