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PACAF AIR OPERATIONS SQUADRON (AOS)

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1. Mission. The squadron's primary focus is on major command-level execution activities, time-sensitive and crisis-action planning, and deployable contingency/exercise support. The AOS provides the core staff for the HQ PACAF crisis action team (CAT). The AOS does not, however, have an air tasking order planning/execution function, as those functions are performed at the numbered air forces.

2. Command. The PACAF AOS Commander:

2.1. As head of a major command field operating agency, is responsible to the Director of Operations, HQ Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF/DO).

2.2. Commands the PACAF AOS, including an operating location at San Diego Naval Air Station.

2.3. The PACAF AOS is authorized direct communication with HQ PACAF, US Pacific Command (USPACOM), HQ United States Air Force (USAF), federal agencies, and local government offices concerning contingency/crisis response and operations plan/concept plan implementation.

2.4. When the CAT forms, the PACAF AOS functions in accordance with the Continuity of Operations Plan-PACAF. The CAT director has tasking authority over all personnel assigned to the CAT in order to respond to the crisis or contingency at hand.

3. Assigned Forces. Not applicable to this mission directive (see [Attachment 1](#), "Definition of Terms").

4. Responsibilities. The PACAF AOS Commander is responsible for the activities of eleven flights:

4.1. Command and Control Flight: Mans the PACAF Command and Control Center. Is the executive agent for the Commander, Pacific Air Forces (COMPACAF), provides 24-hour emergency actions (EAs) and mission-monitoring command and control (C2). Initiates/relays Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Command (USCINCPAC) and COMPACAF EA procedures. Ensures continuity of National Command Authority/Joint Chiefs of Staff/USCINCPAC directives affecting USPA-COM/ conventional/unconventional combat forces. Coordinates changes in PACAF forces combat posture with National Military Command Center, Air Force Operations Support Center, and USCINCPAC. Plans/conducts PACAF unit command post evaluations. Monitors movement of all PACAF and PACAF-gained forces operating aircraft within the USPACOM area of responsibility (AOR) and provides C2 guidance to nine command posts/centers. Informs COMPACAF, HQ PACAF/DO, and senior staff on significant incidents/events and briefs HQ PACAF key staff on current status of theater assets, unit force posture, status of bases, and rescue activities within the Pacific theater. Monitors the location of USCINCPAC, COMPACAF, HQ PACAF key staff personnel, and subordinate PACAF unit commanders.

4.2. Fighter Delivery Flight: Controls fighter movement(s) within the USPACOM AOR. When requested by the unit, mission plans and coordinates all Department of Defense and foreign military sales fighter movements requiring tanker support.

4.3. Reports Flight: Receives, maintains, and processes all Status of Resources and Training Systems, Global Command and Control System, and situation reports in support of HQ PACAF daily activities and the HQ PACAF CAT.

4.4. Tanker Operations Flight: Coordinates all tanker support in theater and coordinates with Air Mobility Command (AMC) Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC) to fill shortfall/special requirements. Hosts quarterly PACAF refueling conferences.

4.5. Logistics Flight: Assists in recovery of non-mission-capable aircraft supporting PACAF operations. Sources both parts and maintenance teams and assists AMC aircraft in USPACOM AOR.

4.6. Airlift Mobility Flight: Coordinates and directs the execution of all intra-theater airlift supporting Special Assignment Airlift Mission (SAAM), channel, and exercise airlift missions with AMC TACC. Acts as the validating and scheduling agency for PACAF and higher headquarters operations support aircraft (OSA) and distinguished visitor (DV) airlift requirements. Provides direct support to the PACAF CAT/battle staff during contingencies and exercises as required. Serves as the single point of contact for C-130, C-9, OSA, and DV aircraft operations execution issues. Oversees the PACAF Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training program and conducts quarterly scheduling conferences. In conjunction with the HQ PACAF Surgeons Office, monitors theater aeromedical missions. Provides a Deployable Joint Task Force Augmentation Cell (DJTFAC) member and PACAF liaison/staff augmentees to support airlift planning. Manages the HQ PACAF man-days account for Air Reserve Component theater airlift mission support. Oversees and controls access to the USAF portion of the Hong Kong turnaround services contract.

4.7. Reconnaissance Operations Center: Is the executive agent for USCINCPAC, coordinates and manages all Sensitive Reconnaissance Operations in the USPACOM AOR.

4.8. Operations and Airspace Flight (includes fighter and airlift operations elements, a logistics element, a security police element, and an airspace element): Functions as USCINCPAC Operations Planning Team representatives, DJTFAC members, and numbered air force staff augmentees. Provides a single point of contact for altitude reservation flight plans within the USPACOM AOR.

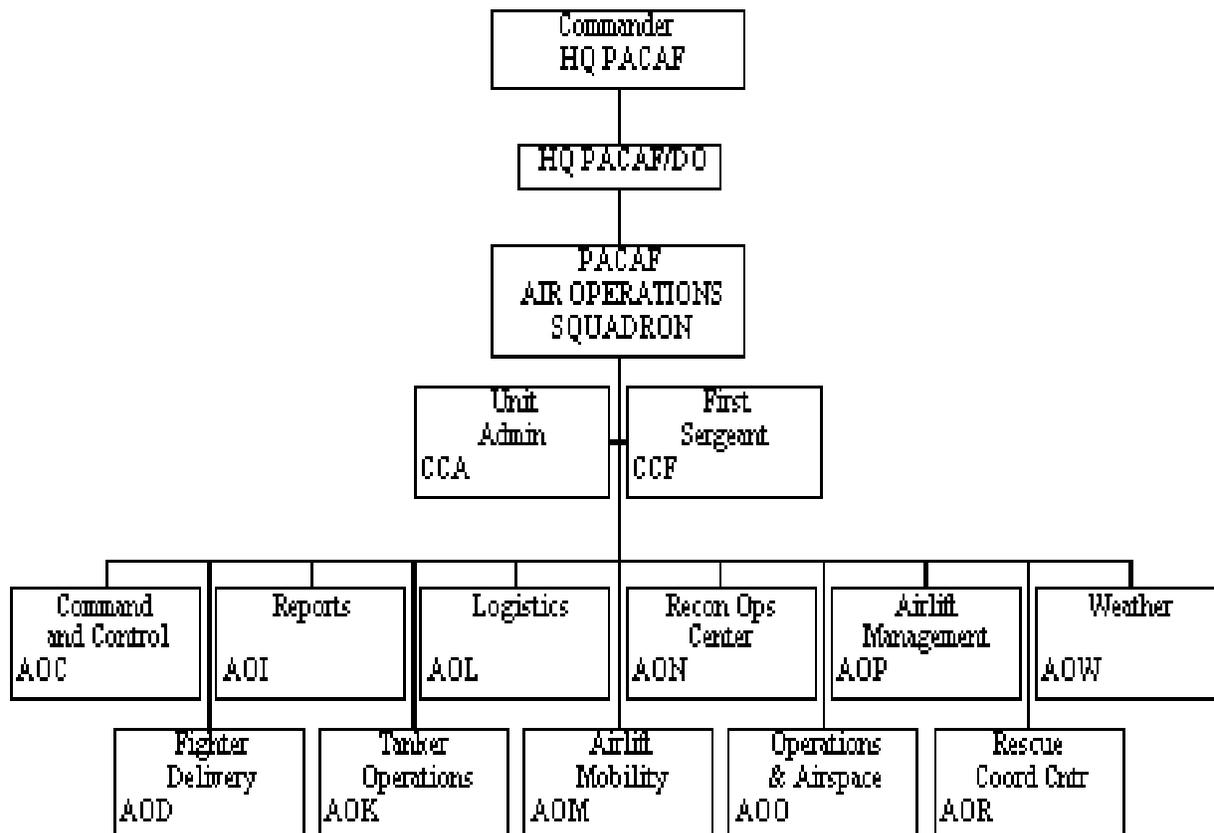
4.9. Airlift Management Flight (Pacific Airlift Management Office): Receives and validates all USPACOM airlift requirements, as well as all joint intra-theater movements (to include SAAMs, channel, and exercise). Aids evacuation, search and rescue (SAR), and Joint Task Force-Full Accounting missions. Reviews and validates all Time-Phased Force Deployment Data requirements. Augments the DJTFAC as well as subunified command airlift management offices during contingencies and exercises.

4.10. Rescue Coordination Center (Pacific Rescue Coordination Center [PAC RCC]): Accomplishes SAR mission coordination throughout the western and southern Pacific and the Indian Ocean regions. Serves as the core of USCINCPAC’s Joint Search and Rescue Center, augments the DJTFAC, and manages the Evasion and Recovery program for USCINCPAC.

4.11. Weather Flight: Supports HQ PACAF's daily activities and the PACAF CAT in the collection, interpretation, and analysis of meteorological data that affect air operations within the AOR or specific contingency area. Provides one Air Force staff weather officer to the US Army Pacific.

5. **Area of Responsibility.** Not applicable to this mission directive (see [Attachment 1](#), “Definition of Terms”).

6. **Organization Chart.**



7. Subordinate Units. Not applicable to this mission directive (see [Attachment 1](#), “Definition of Terms”).

8. Supplemental Missions. Operating Location A, an Air Warning and Control Squadron air surveillance liaison office, provides AF C2 policy and doctrine to the Navy Tactical Group 1 and reports directly to the AOS commander.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS*****Terms***

Mission--All necessary elements of the organization's mission and duties.

Command--The relationships, if applicable, between:

- The Air Force components and the unified command that runs it.
- The organization and other AF organizations, government agencies, US Military
- Services, and the armed forces and government agencies of other nations

Assigned Forces--Assigned weapons systems.

Responsibilities--Mission elements assigned by unified commanders, specified commanders, or higher authorities. Defines the commander's responsibility for executing those elements of the mission.

Area of Responsibility (AOR)--Geographical AOR applies at NAF level only.

Organization Chart--Self-explanatory.

Subordinate Units--Subordinate units with specific functional missions supporting the principal unit.

Supplemental Missions--Mission unique to specific units that do not fall under typical objective units.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFI--Air Force Instruction

AFOSC--Air Force Operations Support Center

AFPD--Air Force Policy Directive

AMC--Air Mobility Command

AOR--area of responsibility

AOS--air operations squadron

ARC--Air Reserve Component

AWACS--Air Warning and Control Squadron

C2--command and control

CAT--crisis action team

COMPACAF--Commander, Pacific Air Forces

ConPlan--concept plan

COOP-PACAF--Continuity of Operations Plan for PACAF

DJTAC--Deployable Joint Task Force Augmentation Cell

DOD--Department of Defense

DV--distinguished visitor

EA--emergency action

FMS--foreign military sales
GCCS--Global Command and Control System
JA/ATT--Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training
JCS--Joint Chiefs of Staff
JSRC--Joint Search and Rescue Center
JTF-FA--Joint Task Force-Full Accounting
NAF--numbered air force
NCA--National Command Authority
NMCC--National Military Command Center
OSA--operations support aircraft
PAC RCC--Pacific Rescue Coordination Center
PAMO--Pacific Airlift Management Office
SAAM--Special Assignment Airlift Mission
SAR--search and rescue
SITREP--situation report
SORTS--Status of Resources and Training Systems
TACC--Tanker Airlift Control Center
TPFDD--Time-Phased Force Deployment Data
USAF--United States Air Force
USCINCPAC--Commander in Chief Pacific, US Pacific Command
USPACOM--United States Pacific Command