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This directive states the mission, command relationships, and the commander's responsibilities for the United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) Air Ground Operations School (AGOS). The appropriate functional publications and applicable Operational Plans (OPLANS) cover specific missions and responsibilities.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This mission directive has been substantially revised and must be reviewed in its entirety.

1. Mission. Provide European theater indoctrination to United States Air Force (USAF) personnel enabling them to perform Air Liaison Officer (ALO), Forward Air Controller (FAC), Enlisted Terminal Attack Controller (ETAC) and Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist (TACCS) duties in the European theater. Train USAF, United States Army (USA) and other authorized personnel in the concepts, doctrine, organizations, command and control systems, procedures and techniques by which North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or other theater air, ground and naval combat forces plan, integrate and conduct joint and combined operations. Instruct USAFE ALOs, FACs, ETACs and TACCSs, emphasizing the integration and employment of US Theater Air Control System (TACS) and the United States Army Air Ground System (AAGS) into theater operations. Focus on the peculiarities of European theater operations that differentiate US TACS and AAGS operations from other theaters. Provide advisory assistance to USAF, USA and other agencies during the development of initiatives, doctrine, policy, concepts, techniques, plans, procedures and training relative to joint/combined operations.

2. Command. USAFE AGOS is assigned to the USAFE Warrior Preparation Center (WPC) under Directorate of Operations (HQ USAFE/DO). To accomplish the mission, personnel, facilities and material are allocated according to manpower and equipment authorization source documents. The WPC Commander exercises functional control of USAFE AGOS. HQ USAFE/DO serves as office of primary responsibility at major command level for school-related policy matters. Personnel assigned to USAFE AGOS report to

the USAFE AGOS Commander who, in turn, acts as school commandant for the USAFE WPC Commander.

3. Responsibilities. The USAFE AGOS Commander will:

- 3.1. Command, organize, train, and administer assigned personnel.
- 3.2. Conduct long-range curriculum planning and develop plans of instruction according to requirements established by USAFE and USAFE WPC.
- 3.3. Provide academic assistance and instruction concerning the employment of theater tactical forces to USAF liaison officers, USAF personnel assigned to work with non-Air Force services, USA personnel and allied service personnel.
- 3.4. Coordinate continuous research and study of concepts, doctrines, tactics and techniques and procedures to ensure plans of instruction include the latest developments in areas of joint and combined combat operations in the European theater air warfare environment not available in other Department of Defense (DoD) schools and colleges.
- 3.5. Coordinate with appropriate USA, USAF, NATO or other agencies (including continental United States commands) ensuring current doctrine, concepts and techniques are included in the curriculum.
- 3.6. Conduct a curriculum review on a recurring basis, based on latest operational changes affecting the material taught.
- 3.7. Conduct academic exercises, using assigned equipment, to demonstrate and train students in the command and control system and overall battle management process.
- 3.8. Prepare material for USAF publications as directed.
- 3.9. Obtain approval from USAFE WPC prior to changing academic curriculum.

4. Relationship to Other Units or Agencies. The USAFE AGOS Commander will coordinate with the USAFE WPC for any tasking, request, policy or directive recommendations from or with USAF, USA, NATO and other military organization above numbered air force, corps, and allied air operations centers respectively.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFI 10-101, *Mission Directive Format and Content*

AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AAGS—Army Air Ground System

AGOS—Air Ground Operations School

ALO—Air Liaison Officer

COMUSAFE—Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe

DoD—Department of Defense

FAC—Forward Air Controller

ETAC—Enlisted Terminal Attack Controller

NATO—North Atlantic Treaty Organization

OPLANS—Operational Plans

TACCS—Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist

USA—United States Army

WPC—Warrior Preparation Center

Attachment 2

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

