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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF).

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This revision updates AFMD 8 to incorporate format changes specified in *AFI 33-360*, Publications and Forms Management. Mission and Responsibilities are broadened to include cyberspace forces and capabilities. Responsibilities section is expanded to include Alaska.

**1. Mission.** Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) organizes, trains, and equips forces for independent, joint, or combined military operations. PACAF provides the combatant commander rapidly deployable, capabilities-focused expeditionary air, space, and cyberspace forces to conduct the full spectrum of military operations. PACAF also enhances transpacific security, promotes regional stability, and advances U.S. interests in the Asia/Pacific region. This organization is a Major Command of the United States Air Force and the Air Force component of United States Pacific Command (USPACOM).

**2. Command.** The Commander, PACAF:

2.1. Is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) for administration, organizing, training, and equipping of assigned forces.

2.2. Commands Air Force forces assigned/attached to USPACOM.

2.2.1. By direction of CSAF, exercises administrative control (ADCON) over assigned and attached forces. ADCON of PACAF-gained Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) and Air National Guard (ANG) forces is as specified by HQ USAF.

2.2.2. By direction of Commander, USPACOM, exercises operational control (OPCON) of assigned and attached forces.

**3. Responsibilities.** The Commander, PACAF:

3.1. Plans, coordinates, supports, and conducts employment of air, space, and cyberspace operations supporting USPACOM Commander tasks and objectives.

3.2. On order, provides assigned forces to other combatant commands.

3.3. Oversees training and readiness of PACAF-gained AFRC and ANG forces.

3.4. Establishes, sustains, improves, maintains, and operates PACAF bases and facilities throughout the USPACOM AOR and Alaska.

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