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AFI 16-402, *Aerospace Vehicle Programming, Assignment, Distribution, Accounting and Termination*, 1 December 2009, is supplemented as follows. AFI 16-402 implements AFD 16-4, *Accounting for Units, Installations, and Aerospace Vehicles*, 7 Sep 1993, and provides procedural guidance relative for worldwide programming, assignment, transfer, distribution, accounting, and termination of Air Force aerospace vehicles. This instruction provides guidance to Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) staff on responsibilities and procedures for the transfer (reassignment or loan) of AFGSC aircraft. This publication applies to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units and members. Refer recommended changes and questions regarding this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af61a/afirms/afirms/rds/rds_series.cfm.

5.1. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A8P, Programs Division:

5.1.1. (Added) Evaluates AFGSC force projections in relation to known and forecasted availability of resources. Prioritizes resources within a total force context, normally with highest priority to warfighting tasked forces. If a fleet has inventory in excess of primary aircraft

authorizations (PAA) and backup aircraft authorizations (BAA), those aircraft are designated attrition reserve (AR).

5.1.2. (Added) Controls the transfer of AFGSC total aircraft inventory (TAI), to include all aircraft assigned for mission, training, test, and maintenance functions. Distributes aircraft to fill inventory requirements (authorizations) in the following priority: combat units, training units, and test units, filling PAA first and then BAA.

5.1.3. (Added) Controls the assignment/possession of all AFGSC AR aircraft, including AFGSC AR aircraft assigned to/possessed by non-AFGSC units. Distributes AR equitably across the fleet with priority given to alleviation of PAA and BAA shortfalls, followed by test support and other high priority programs. When sourcing AR aircraft to fill these requirements, A8P generally draws first on AR possessed by wings with multiple squadrons and larger PAA units due to the smaller relative impact on those units.

5.1.4. (Added) If changes are likely to affect unit capabilities, coordinate as appropriate with A3/A5 to ensure unit Designed Operational Capability (DOC) statements are in line with availability of resources. In some cases changes may require DOC statement adjustments.

5.2. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A3T (Training and Stan/Eval Division):

5.2.1. (Added) Identifies and validates number and types of aircraft needed for formal and continuation training requirements for all AFGSC units.

5.3. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A3/A4/A5 Weapons System Teams (WST) and HQ AFGSC/A5 (Policy and Requirements):

5.3.1. (Added) Determines and validates numbers and types of aircraft needed for AFGSC tests, higher headquarters directed tests, and lateral command testing support. This includes requirements for all nuclear stockpile flight tests to verify that nuclear weapon subsystems (NWSS) function in a variety of stockpile-to-target sequence (STS) environments and demonstrate continuing compatibility between Department of Energy (DOE) and Air Force subsystems.

5.3.2. (Added) Assesses the impact of command depot-level maintenance and modification programs on assigned and possessed aircraft.

5.4. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A4M (Maintenance Division):

5.4.1. (Added) Evaluates the impact of command depot-level maintenance and modification programs on assigned and possessed aircraft, related systems, and support equipment.

5.4.2. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A4MX (Policy, Development, and Analysis Branch):

5.4.2.1. (Added) Monitors the distribution of aerospace vehicles within the command by maintaining the Equipment Inventory Status Utilization and Reporting Subsystem (EIMSURS) in the Reliability Maintainability Information System (REMIS).

5.4.2.2. (Added) Issues assignment directions for reassignment of aerospace vehicles by issuing assignment directives IAW AFI 16-402.

5.4.2.3. (Added) Provides liaison/coordination with Air Staff and other MAJCOMS.

5.5. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A1M (Manpower and Organization Division):

5.5.1. (Added) Validates aircraft maintenance manpower requirements associated with the number and type of PAA assigned.

6.1. (Added) The AFGSC staff agency or action officer desiring to reassign/loan an aerospace vehicle will:

6.1.1. (Added) Identify and verify the need for reassignment or loan.

6.1.2. (Added) Establish contact with offices of primary and collateral responsibility. The action officer-level communication should clarify operational and maintenance requirements.

6.1.3. (Added) Submit a request to HQ AFGSC/A8P.

6.2. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A8P will evaluate and perform the necessary coordination and ultimately approve/disapprove request. A8P will forward transfer decision or directive to HQ AFGSC A4/7 by letter or copy of notification message. The message will contain the following information:

6.2.1. (Added) Number of aerospace vehicles to be reassigned/loaned.

6.2.2. (Added) Units losing and gaining assignment/possession of aircraft.

6.2.3. (Added) Effective date of reassignment.

6.2.4. (Added) Rationale for transfer.

6.2.5. (Added) Effective date and estimated return date for loan.

6.2.6. (Added) Expectation of aircraft condition upon transfer.

6.2.7. (Added) The projected aircraft status for the losing and gaining units. Status will include number of aircraft authorized, assigned, possessed, and in depot status following the transfer.

6.3. (Added) HQ AFGSC/A8P will initiate coordination through HQ AFGSC A4/7 and A3 and secure HQ AFGSC/A8 approval for all aircraft transfers that will result in any unit possessing fewer aircraft than authorized. This does not apply to movement of AR as these aircraft are assigned/ possessed in excess of actual unit authorizations and remain AFGSC assets. HQ AFGSC/A8P will redistribute AR as needed within the AFGSC to replace primary aircraft losses.

6.3.1. (Added) AFGSC WST will coordinate with A8P to identify aircraft serial numbers to be transferred. AFGSC WST has the final authority over tail number selection.

6.4.1. (Added) A4MX will:

6.4.1.1. (Added) Upon receipt of HQ AFGSC/A8 transfer directive, transmit an assignment directive notice to the appropriate addressees indicating the appropriate loan or transfer of assignment IAW AFI 16-402 and AFI 21-103_AFGSCSUP.

6.4.1.2. (Added) Coordinate unit requests for serial number changes or assignment/loan date extensions due to maintenance.

7. (Added) Form Adopted. AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*.

8. (Added) Classification. All communications will be classified as applicable IAW AFI 31-401.

9. (Added) Documentation. Dispose of documentation required to be created by this directive IAW AFMAN 37-139.

Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFI31-401, <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI31-401.pdf>, *Security Program Management*

AFI21-103_AFGSCSUP, http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI21-103_AFGSCSUP.pdf, *Equipment Inventory, Status and Utilization Reporting*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

CAF—Combat Air Force

DOE—Department of Energy

EIMSURS—Equipment Inventory Status Utilization and Reporting Subsystem

NWSS—Nuclear Weapon Subsystems

REMIS—Reliability Maintainability Information System

STS—Stockpile-to-Target Sequence

TAI—Total Aircraft Inventory

WST—Weapons System Teams

Terms

AFGSC Weapon System Team (WST) — The designated weapon system functional manager for each aircraft mission design series (MDS).

Assignment — The allocation of an aerospace vehicle to a unit for mission accomplishment.

Attrition Reserve (AR) — Aircraft procured to replace anticipated primary aircraft inventory peacetime losses.

Authorization — The number of aircraft programmed for a flying unit.

Loan — Temporary transfer from one unit to another for short term (normally not longer than 9 months) mission requirements. Assignment status remains unchanged.

Possession — Having organizational control and responsibility for an aerospace vehicle.

Reassignment — The change of assignment of an aerospace vehicle from one unit to another.

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