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1. Mission. As an institutional, service-retained operational headquarters, 15 AF optimizes the overall readiness of service-retained conventional Combat Air Forces, and when directed, presents ready Force Elements (FEs) for deliberate or crisis-action deployment and employment. 15 AF synchronizes readiness expectations from Air Combat Command (ACC) and Combatant Commands (CCMDs) with subordinate unit readiness requirements and capabilities. As a service-retained Numbered Air Force, 15 AF ensures all FEs are prepared, generated, sustained, and presented in accordance with Air Force strategic priorities and operational requirements.

2. Command.

2.1. 15 AF/CC reports to Commander, Air Combat Command (COMACC).

2.2. 15 AF is composed of headquarters staff and subordinate Wings and units as directed by COMACC force structure decisions.

3. Responsibilities.

3.1. **Force Generation:** Optimize the required readiness of FEs to meet foundational readiness requirements, including Formal Training Units, and develop the required combat potential for future force offerings.

3.2. **Force Presentation:** Optimize the readiness and allocation of assigned FEs to meet deliberate planning requirements and crisis-response taskings as directed by higher headquarters.

3.3. **Force Sustainment:** Ensure the required sustainment of Airmen and Weapon Systems, installations, infrastructure and logistics necessary to maintain long-term operational viability and combat effectiveness.

4. Key Tasks. 15 AF/CC is responsible for the overall readiness and sustainment of FEs. This includes the following tasks:

4.1. Command and Control:

4.1.1. Identify, prioritize, and communicate resource and readiness shortfalls.

4.1.2. Ensure deliberate and prudent risk-acceptance and mitigation strategies are implemented across subordinate units.

4.2. Airmen Readiness:

4.2.1. Ensure required training and development of all Airmen to meet USAF requirements, including manning levels, experience, training, and operational taskings.

4.2.2. Conduct Pyramid Evaluations and HHQ Staff Assistance Visits, and augment ACC Supplemental Evaluations to ensure units' Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation programs are improving combat readiness by promoting safe operations, reinforcing procedural discipline and consistently applying standards.

4.2.3. Execute General Court-Martial Convening Authority and Senior Rater responsibilities to foster disciplined, professional, and resilient unit cultures.

4.3. Weapon System Readiness:

4.3.1. Ensure optimal sustainment of weapon systems, including associated equipment, supply chains, and logistics.

4.3.2. Manage fleet readiness, and sustainment actions necessary to maximize combat capability and operational availability.

4.4. Installation, Infrastructure, and Logistics Readiness:

4.4.1. Ensure optimal sustainment and protection of all installations, infrastructure, and required logistics.

4.4.2. Advocate for and prioritize infrastructure, sustainment, and modernization requirements necessary to support force readiness.

4.4.3. Prioritize resources and advocate for Program Objective Memorandum (POM) requirements.

4.4.4. Ensure robust force protection and communications/network security measures are in place.

4.5. Certification and Verification: Execute the certification of Air Expeditionary Wings and verification of Mission Generation Force Elements and Combat Enhancement Teams as delegated by COMACC.

4.6. Safety: Serve as the convening authority for Class-B Safety Investigation Boards.

5. End State: This directive empowers 15 AF/CC to focus on the readiness, sustainment, and strategic presentation of service-retained forces. By aligning efforts across Force Generation, Force Presentation, and Force Sustainment, ACC ensures conventional Combat Air Forces remain prepared to meet global operational requirements in a dynamic and contested security environment.

ADRIAN L. SPAIN
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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 23 March 2020

DAFI 38-107, *Air Force Mission Directives*, 16 September 2025

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Product*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

CCMD—Combatant Command

COMACC—Commander, Air Combat Command

FE—Force Element

OPR—Office of Responsibility

POM—Program Objective Memorandum

Office Symbols

15 AF/CC—Fifteenth Air Force, Commander

ACC/A3—Air Combat Command, Directorate of Air and Space Operations