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This mission directive (MD) implements policy and guidance in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 38-101, *Manpower and Organization*. Its purpose is to prescribe unit mission, command relationship, and responsibilities of the Twelfth Air Force (12 AF) Air Forces Southern (AFSOUTH). This MD applies to 12 AF (AFSOUTH) and subordinate active duty units and personnel, those assigned or attached Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) and Air National Guard (ANG) units, and personnel or mobilized members performing federal missions. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with (IAW) AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and disposed of IAW the Air Force Records Information Management System Records Disposition Schedule. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. HQ ACC/A3 is the waiver authority for compliance items in this publication. This publication may not be supplemented. **Attachment 1** contains a glossary of references and is not mandatory for compliance.

1. Mission. The 12 AF (AFSOUTH) mission is to plan, prioritize, execute, assess, and support joint all-domain operations, activities, and investments to influence relevant actors in order to mitigate risk to global U.S. interests, strengthen our regional partners, and counter threats in the United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) area of responsibility (AOR). As the air component, 12 AF (AFSOUTH) has Service administrative responsibility for all assigned and/or apportioned airmen in the USSOUTHCOM AOR; develops plans for air, space, cyber and

information operations in day-to-day competition, contingency and/or crisis, and, provides command and control of air and space operations in support of Combantant Commander objectives. 12 AF (AFSOUTH) supports U.S. national interests in the USSOUTHCOM AOR by competing for influence daily, deterring malign actors globally, and strengthening partners regionally.

2. Command.

2.1. 12 AF (AFSOUTH)/CC reports to Commander, Air Combat Command (COMACC) and is under this administrative control (ADCON).

2.2. 12 AF (AFSOUTH)/CC plans, commands, controls, executes, and assesses all-domain operations and capabilities across the competition spectrum in support of the USSOUTHCOM Commander (CDRUSSOUTHCOM) and designated Joint Force Commanders (JFC). 12 AF (AFSOUTH) is under operational control (OPCON) of CDRUSSOUTHCOM.

2.3. 12 AF (AFSOUTH) is assigned as the Component Numbered Air Force to USSOUTHCOM.

3. Commander Roles.

3.1. 12 AF (AFSOUTH)/CC is Commander, AFSOUTH (CDRAFSOUTH) and the Commander, Air Force Forces (COMAFFOR) for assigned, gained, or attached forces to 12th Air Expeditionary Task Force (AETF).

3.2. CDRAFSOUTH is designated the Theater Joint Forces Air Component Commander (JFACC) and will exercise OPCON over assigned Service forces and tactical control (TACON) over other Services' forces made available for tasking. CDRAFSOUTH will plan, prioritize, execute, assess, and support combined/joint all-domain operations, activities, and missions in accordance with CDRUSSOUTHCOM intent and objectives. CDRAFSOUTH is also assigned by CDRUSSOUTHCOM to maintain air domain awareness within the AOR.

3.3. As the Theater JFACC, CDRAFSOUTH has the following roles/authorities delegated by CDRUSSOUTHCOM:

3.3.1. Area Air Defense Commander (AADC)

3.3.2. Airspace Control Authority (ACA)

3.3.3. Space Coordinating Authority (SCA)

4. Responsibilities.

4.1. The 12 AF (AFSOUTH)/CC:

4.1.1. Commander, Air Force Forces (COMAFFOR)

4.1.1.1. Role:

4.1.1.1.1. The COMAFFOR is a warfighter responsible to the JFC for organizing, training, equipping, and sustaining USAF forces (If JFACC is not assigned, COMAFFOR is responsible for employment of assigned and/or allocated Air Force forces).

4.1.1.2. Key Tasks:

4.1.1.2.1. Organize, train, deploy, sustain, and redeploy assigned and attached Air

Force forces for Combatant Commander (CCDR) in support of assigned missions, to include contingencies.

4.1.1.2.2. Provide guidance, priorities, and tasks to assigned and attached Air Force forces for day-to-day competition.

4.1.1.2.3. Develop and execute plans and orders in support of CCDR's Campaign Plan detailing how the Air Component conducts military engagement, security cooperation, and establishes and maintains posture in the AOR.

4.1.1.2.4. Serve as the CCDR's functional lead for the radar surveillance architecture (RSA) within the AOR.

4.1.1.2.5. Be prepared to execute other tasks as directed by COMACC.

4.1.2. Combined/Joint Forces Air Component Commander (C/JFACC)

4.1.2.1. Role: The C/JFACC is responsible to plan, command, control, execute, and assess combined/joint air, space, and information operations in support of USSOUTHCOM, supported commanders, and/or Joint Task Forces (JTFs).

4.1.2.2. Key Tasks:

4.1.2.2.1. Exercise the authorities granted by the CCDR: TACON, ACA, AADC, Joint Interface Control Officer (JICO), integrated daily Air Tasking Order (ATO), develop Single Integrated Air Picture (SIAP), and SCA.

4.1.2.2.2. Provide staff to augment a JTF and/or stand-up a Joint Air Component Coordination Element (JACCE) in support of specified missions and/or other Components/JTFs to better integrate air, space, and cyber operations.

4.1.2.2.3. Develop and execute plans and orders in support of JFC's objectives that:

4.1.2.2.3.1. Exploit air, space, cyber, electromagnetic spectrum, and information related capabilities.

4.1.2.2.3.2. Integrate and synchronize other Components/JTF's air, space, cyber, and information related capabilities.

4.1.2.2.3.3. Incorporate the core missions of the Air Force into the JFC operational plan.

4.1.2.2.3.4. Identify effects, targets, and timing of operations in accordance with JFC guidance.

MARK D. KELLY, General, USAF
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ATTACHMENT 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

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Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AADC—Area Air Defense Commander

ACA—Airspace Control Authority

ADCON—Administrative Control

AETF—Air Expeditionary Task Force

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFRC—Air Force Reserve Command

ANG—Air National Guard

COMACC—Commander, Air Combat Command

COMAFFOR—Commander, Air Force Forces

JACCE—Joint Air Component Coordination Element

JFACC—Joint Forces Air Component Commander

JICO—Joint Interface Control Officer

OPCON—Operational Control

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

RSA—Radar Surveillance Architecture

SCA—Space Coordinating Authority

SIAP—Single Integrated Air Picture

TACON—Tactical Control

USSOUTHCOM—United States Southern Command