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This mission directive implements guidance in AFI 38-101, *Manpower and Organization*. Its purpose is to prescribe unit mission, command relationship, and responsibilities of the 57th Wing. This mission directive applies to 57th Wing, their subordinate active-duty units and personnel, and USAF Reserve and Air National Guard personnel aligned under the 57th WG. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained 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 DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route DAF Form 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. Air Combat Command Director of Operations (ACC/A3) is the waiver authority for compliance items in this publication. Submit requests for waivers through the chain of command to the publication OPR for consideration. This publication may not be supplemented or further implemented or extended.

1. Mission. The 57th Wing trains the next generation of warfighter for the high-end fight by providing advanced, realistic, and multi-domain training focused on ensuring dominance through air, space, and cyberspace. The 57th Wing serves as the higher headquarters for three groups: USAF Weapons School (USAFWS), 57th Operations Group (OG), and the 57th Maintenance Group (MXG) as well as the USAF Aerial Demonstration Squadron (USAFADS “Thunderbirds”) and the USAF Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School (AMMOS).

2. Command.

2.1. The 57th Wing is an ACC Wing organized under the USAFWC. The USAFWS conducts DAF-level, Chief of Staff of the Air Force-approved Weapons Instructor Courses and Advanced Instructor Courses under the Command and Control of the Commander, Air Combat Command (COMACC) and reports through HQ ACC/A3 channels. The USAFWS includes units funded by the US Space Force, ACC, AFGSC, AFSOC, and AMC. AMMOS operates under the direction of ACC through ACC/A4 and includes students from multiple MAJCOMs, but is ACC-funded for all Active Duty students. The 57th Operations Group includes multiple Combat Training Squadrons (CTSs) listed below ([para 3.6](#)) that provide training to units from multiple MAJCOMs as well as Joint and Coalition partners. The MXG and USAFADS report through the 57th Wing to HQ ACC.

2.2. The 57th Wing establishes and maintains collaborative relationships with joint, interagency, coalition, and partner organizations to further efforts that support training warfighters for the high-end fight. The 57th Wing has direct liaison authority (DIRLAUTH) to coordinate with organizations outside the chain of command to achieve their mission.

3. Responsibilities.

3.1. The 57 WG/CC reports to USAFWC/CC and conducts its assigned missions by, with, and through the following MAJCOMs: ACC, AFGSC, AFMC, AFSOC, AMC, as well as DoD/Joint entities, and partner nations (through proper SAF/IA channels).

3.2. Ensure proper manning, equipment, and funding to command, organize, manage, supervise, and inspect the 57th Wing.

3.3. Mission execution, discipline, morale, and welfare of assigned personnel.

3.4. Plan, manage, execute, supervise, and support all USAF Weapons School syllabi.

3.5. Plan, manage, execute, supervise, and support the AMMOS syllabus.

3.6. Plan, manage, execute, supervise, and support 57 OG training syllabi (6 CTS, 12 CTS, 414 CTS, 548 CTS, 549 CTS) and adversary units (64th/65th Aggressor Squadron (AGRS), 57th Information Aggressor Squadron (IAS), and 507 Air Defense Aggressor Squadron (ADAS)).

3.7. Plan, manage, execute, supervise, and support the USAFADS (Thunderbirds) mission.

3.8. Support DAF and joint warfighters in the development, validation, demonstration, and assessment of concepts, doctrines, integration, tactics, techniques, and procedures to prepare the next generation of warfighters for the high-end fight.

3.9. Plan, manage, execute, supervise, and support 400-level training events for DoD units.

3.10. Ensure 57th Wing units with assigned Mission Essential Tasks (METs) are organized, trained, equipped, inspected, and ready for their combat/deployed taskings.

3.11. For 57th Wing units without assigned METs, be prepared to support additional or augmentee requirements via “just-in-time” Ready Airman Training.

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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

AFI 38-101, *Manpower and Organization*, 29 August 2019

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AMMOS—Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School

COMACC—Commander, Air Combat Command

CTS—Combat Training Squadrons

DIRLAUTH—Direct Liaison Authorized

METs—Mission Essential Tasks

MXG—Maintenance Group

OG—Operations Group

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

USAFADS—USAF Aerial Demonstration Squadron (“Thunderbirds”)

USAFWC—USAF Warfare Center

USAFWS—USAF Weapons School

Office Symbols

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

ACC/A4—Air Combat Command, Directorate of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection

SAF/IA—Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs