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FROM: HQ USAF/A3
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SUBJECT: Air Force Guidance Memorandum for TACP Deployments

By Order of the Secretary of the Air Force, this Air Force Guidance Memorandum is immediately implemented. Compliance with the Memorandum is mandatory. Specifically, the guidance within this Memorandum expounds upon the requirements captured in AFI 10-403, *Deployment Planning and Execution*, paragraph 1.9.1.37. To the extent its directions are inconsistent with other Air Force publications, the information herein prevails, in accordance with AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*.

This guidance is intended to address gaps in command relationships and deployment procedures for Combat Air Force (CAF) Tactical Air Control Parties (TACP), Air Support Operations Centers (ASOC), and Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTAC) in order to support the Army's deployment and rotation concept. TACPs typically deploy in support of the Army Force Generation Model (ARFORGEN), and this guidance is designed to assist Air Force commanders where TACP deployment procedures and organizations are not well established. For the purposes of this guidance, the term TACP includes all TACP, ASOC, and JTAC general purpose forces. This guidance applies to the Regular Air Force and Air National Guard.

This Memorandum becomes void after 1 year has elapsed from its date. There are no releasability restrictions on this memorandum.

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References:

- (a) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the US Army and US Air Force for Army/Air Force Liaison Support, 31 March 2011
- (b) AFDD 1, *Air Force Basic Doctrine, Organization, and Command*, 14, October 2011
- (c) AFPD 10-4, *Operations Planning: Air & Space Expeditionary Force*, 30 April 2009
- (d) AFI 10-401, *Air Force Operations Planning and Execution*, 7 December 2006, *Incorporating Through Change 4*, 13 March 2012
- (e) AFI 10-403, *Deployment Planning and Execution*, 20 September 2012, *Incorporating Through Change 2*, 15 July 2014
- (f) AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*, 16 March 2011, *Incorporating AFGM 2.1*, 15 April 2014

1. Background: The Army has begun planning for deployments/rotations as part of the Regionally Aligned Forces (RAF) concept. Regional alignment is designed to enhance relationships between planning staffs while improving a unit's familiarity with an area of operations. TACP general purpose forces typically deploy in direct support of the ARFORGEN.
2. Intent: This GM includes guidance for deployments through the Joint Staff Global Force Management Allocation Plan (GFMAP); Non-GFMAP deployments; deployment lengths; Reception, Staging, Onward-movement and Integration (RSO&I); and Lessons Learned.
3. Command Relationships: TACP units will provide direct support to their habitually-aligned Army unit. In accordance with reference (b), deployed TACP Airmen will remain under the Administrative Control (ADCON) of the COMAFFOR. The COMAFFOR (or designee) will exercise Operational Control (OPCON) of deployed TACP Airmen. Deployed TACP Airmen should be organized under an existing Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) or Expeditionary ASOS (EASOS) within the area of responsibility (AOR). This organizational structure applies to deployed TACP units that support Army Brigade Combat Team (and/or lower echelons). If no ASOS exists, it is recommended that the COMAFFOR establish a provisional EASOS or assign the TACP to a squadron capable of providing ADCON, TACON and OPCON IAW reference (f). If a TACP unit deploys in support of a Division (and/or higher echelon), the COMAFFOR will establish a provisional EASOS or Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group (EASOG), as appropriate.
4. GFMAP deployments: In accordance with the ARFORGEN construct, TACP units will deploy with all UTC-identified personnel and logistics detail (LOGDET) equipment unless tailored by the Combatant Commander or Joint Task Force Commander.
5. Non-GFMAP deployments: TACP deployments or unit movements outside the GFMAP process require HQ USAF/A3OC coordination to ensure compliance with Air Force policy. HQ USAF/A3OC will coordinate with the appropriate agencies and MAJCOMs to ensure adherence to rules that govern movement of personnel and equipment.

6. Deployment length: TACP personnel will deploy with and redeploy with their supported Army unit. TACP deployment length will align with the supported Army unit's rotation (typically 9 months supporting Brigade Combat Team and lower echelons and 12 months supporting Division and higher echelons). TACP units with deployment lengths of 365 days or greater may execute internal 6-month rotations, unit manning permitting.

7. RSO&I: An established ASOG/ASOS will perform the RSO&I function for the deploying TACPs. The tasked TACP unit is authorized to support and/or perform the Advance Echelon (ADVON) Team responsibilities IAW reference (e), as required. Individuals must complete all theater specific training requirements for standard deploying forces.

8. Lessons Learned: The senior deployed TACP member must provide an After Action Report (AAR) IAW reference (e). The AAR is needed to assist with identifying gaps and recommended improvements for future deployments. TACP AARs will be provided to the theater ASOG and the respective home-station chain of command. The Theater ASOG will provide consolidated AARs quarterly to HQ USAF/A3OC and ACC/A3J.

9. The OPR for this guidance is HQ USAF/A3OC.