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This Department of the Air Force Policy Directive (DAFPD) establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for guidance applicable to the Air Force Flying Hour Program. It applies to all Regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel managing the flying hour program. This DAFPD does not apply to the United States Space Force.

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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This revision reflects headquarters staff changes, inputs from major commands, and recent publication changes. Major changes are a result of headquarters staff office symbol changes and the Lead Command concept.

**1. Overview.** The Air Force Flying Hour Program is a closely monitored program which produces the flying hours necessary to develop and sustain combat airpower. To meet these expectations, the Air Force must explicitly program flying hours which fully support required capabilities and then execute the resources associated with those flying hours. This directive provides policies for all who are accountable for the Total Air Force (Active Duty Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command, and Civil Air Patrol) when carrying out a mission assigned by the Secretary of the Air Force.

**2. Policy.** This directive establishes the following policies. The Air Force will:

2.1. Develop the flying training portion of the United States Air Force (USAF) Flying Hour Program requirement based on home station training requirements, both formal and operational, and accounting for other off-station training opportunities: deployments, exercises, etc. (Note: Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) does not receive USAF Flying Hour Program flying hours dedicated to peacetime, home station training. AFMC plans its Flying Hour Program largely against test and evaluation and depot mission schedules. AFMC training hours are planned and allocated using processes developed within that major command).

2.2. Program the training Flying Hour Program flying hours based on the program requirement decremented by known and anticipated limiting factors (e.g. contingency operations commitments, logistics limitations, and maintenance manpower).

2.3. Execute its approved Flying Hour Program to the maximum extent possible.

2.4. Allocate resources to support its approved Flying Hour Program.

**3. Responsibilities.** This directive establishes the following responsibilities:

3.1. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations (AF/A3), in coordination with the National Guard Bureau for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command for the Air Force Reserve, provides guidance for resource advocacy and oversight of Total Air Force Flying Hour Program.

3.2. The Active Duty Air Force Lead major commands, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve Command will each identify flying hour requirements based on training requirements. Each component will execute their programs to comply with these policies.

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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

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**Lead major commands**—Headquarters Air Combat Command, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Headquarters Air Education & Training Command & Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command