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STATUS WITHIN AFGSC FOR ANG
PERSONNEL**

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This instruction implements Department of the Air Force Policy Directive (DAFPD) 36-21, *Utilization and Classification of Military Personnel*. It prescribes command relationships, policies and procedures for Command and Control, maintenance, mission support, aircraft operations, and installation security operations conducted by the Air National Guard (ANG) units assigned or aligned to Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC). This instruction rescinds the AFGSC/CC memorandum "Title 10 Active Duty Status When Performing Key Nuclear Weapon Roles," dated 3 July 2024. This instruction rescinds the AFGSC/A3 memorandum, "Status of 253 CACG Personnel and Automatic Conversion to Active Duty Status, dated 10 October 2025. It defines command responsibilities and the personnel status for individuals performing a federal mission. It also defines those events involving a federal mission that will activate the AFGSC Commander's (AFGSC/CC) delegated authority to order a member of the ANG to active duty under 10 U.S.C. Sec. 12301(d). It does not specifically address activation of ANG personnel under 10 U.S.C. Sec. 12301(b). This instruction applies to Regular Air Force, Department of the Air Force civilian employees, and military/civilian personnel from other military departments assigned or attached to AFGSC units. This does not apply to the United States Space Force. This instruction applies to all personnel assigned to ANG units assigned or aligned to AFGSC consistent with the Memorandums of Agreement or Understanding with the Governors of each applicable state. Ensure all records generated as a result of processes prescribed in this publication adhere to Air Force Instruction (AFI) 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and are disposed in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System. This AFGSC instruction requires the

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Chapter 1

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1. Roles and Responsibilities. Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command is responsible for ensuring AFGSC personnel and systems are ready to conduct nuclear deterrence, global strike, and combat support operations. AFGSC/CC serves as Commander, Air Forces Strategic (COMAFSTRAT) and the Joint Functional Air Component Commander (JFACC) for Commander, United States Strategic Command (CDRUSSTRATCOM). Lastly, AFGSC is responsible for the Air Force's CONUS based nuclear incident Response Task Force.

Chapter 2

FEDERAL MISSION

2.1. Routine ANG Training Title 32. Routinely, members of the Air National Guard (ANG) conduct their training mission in Title 32 status. Incidental to their primary training mission, members of the ANG are permitted to provide training to active duty personnel and/or provide support to active duty units. While most Title 32 Guardsmen are performing Full-Time National Guard Duty-Active Guard and Reserve (FTNGD-AGR), 32 U.S.C. 502(f) authorizes Title 32 guardsmen to conduct operational support duties in support of federal operations when undertaken at the request of the President or Secretary of Defense. This applies to Air National Guard units when ordered to support operational activities required by U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) and U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM). Furthermore, Guardsmen often perform their duties in Title 32 status while under the “operational direction” (OPDIR), as defined by Air Force Instruction 90-1001, *Total Force Associations (TFAs)*, of their associated active duty unit commander. However, there are times when the Title 32 guardsmen must be activated using the authority in 10 U.S.C. Section 12301(d) to accomplish an operational federal mission. The Commanders of USSTRATCOM and USNORTHCOM require a clear and unbroken chain of command extending to individual Airmen executing critical real-world missions, including armed security response, nuclear weapon maintenance, bomber operations, and command, control, and communications (C3). Furthermore, activation under 10 U.S.C. 12301(d) ensures Guardsmen performing these missions are subject to the protections and provisions of federal law and the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), particularly where the use of deadly force or other actions, such as declaring a National Defense Area (NDA), are necessary.

2.2. AFGSC Commander Policy on Title 10. On 3 July 2024, AFGSC/CC signed a memorandum, reference (i), specifying which duties performed by ANG personnel must be performed in Title 10 active duty status. This instruction is intended to address unplanned activation of ANG personnel in support of AFGSC operations, versus planned operational support, including planned activities conducted in accordance with reference (i). This instruction hereby rescinds reference (i) and incorporates that guidance in [Chapter 4](#) of this instruction.

2.3. AFGSC/A3 Policy on Title 10. On 10 October 2025, AFGSC/A3 signed a memorandum, (reference (j)), specifying “triggering events” for automatic conversion of personnel assigned to the 253 CACG. This instruction hereby rescinds reference (j) and incorporates that guidance in [Chapter 4](#) of this instruction.

Chapter 3

ACTIVATION OF ANG FORCES TO PERFORM COMBATANT COMMAND MISSIONS AND SECURITY RESPONSE

3.1. SecAF Authorization. The Secretary of the Air Force is authorized under 10 U.S.C. 12301(d) to activate ANG members to federal active duty, with the consent of the member and the state governor. The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, has delegated to AFGSC/CC the authority contained in 10 USC 12301(d) to activate Title 32 Guardsmen. (Reference (h)). This authority is contingent upon the respective Governor's consent, formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement. AFGSC/CC has further delegated this authority to the AFGSC Director of Operations, AFGSC/A3, in the Commander's Delegation and Withholding of Authorities memorandum.

3.2. AFGSC & ANG Memoranda of Agreement (MOA)/Understanding (MOU). MOA or MOU have been established between AFGSC/CC and the Governors of those states with ANG units aligned to AFGSC. The agreements formalize each Governor's consent for voluntary activation of ANG members to perform AFGSC missions, whether directly supporting the Combatant Commanders or fulfilling other requirements. The agreements are maintained by AFGSC/JA.

3.3. Consent to Volunteer for Federal Active Duty. Consistent with those MOA/MOUs, as a condition of employment and membership in ANG units aligned to AFGSC, ANG personnel are required to execute a statement documenting their consent to volunteer for federal active duty pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Sec. 12301(d). These statements will be maintained on record at each member's unit headquarters. In addition, all Active Guard Reserve (AGR) orders will comply with the requirements specified in reference (g) and contain the statement required in [paragraph 6.1](#) of reference (g).

Chapter 4

TRIGGERING EVENTS THAT INITIATE ACTIVATION

4.1. AFGSC/CC Authority to Pre-Designate Triggering Events. AFGSC/CC may pre-designate operational events that will automatically trigger their authority under 10 U.S.C. Sec. 12301(d) to immediately activate participating Air National Guard personnel from Title 32 to Title 10 active duty status. Upon declaration of such a triggering event, the AFGSC Commander or designee orders the immediate activation (self-execution) of the designated, on-duty ANG members to Title 10 active duty status. In addition to AFGSC/CC's delegation of activation authority to AFGSC/CD, 8 AF/CC, 20 AF/CC, GSOC/CC, and AFGSC/A3, AFGSC/CC delegates to the following positions the authority to declare mission specific triggering events when time and circumstances preclude coordination with HQ AFGSC or GSOC: 95 WG/CC, 5 BW/CC, 509 BW/CC, 90 MW/CC, 91 MW/CC, 90 SFG/CC, 91 SFG/CC, and 253 CACG/CC (when in Title 10 active duty status).

4.1.1. AFGSC/CC has further determined that the following events/incidents are triggering events requiring the immediate activation (self-execution) of affected Title 32 members to Title 10 active duty status. Upon declaration of a triggering event listed in this paragraph, Title 32 ANG members responding to or participating in the event will immediately activate to Title 10 active duty status, and the appropriate commander will subsequently identify the personnel by name and comply with administrative procedures and requirements described in **paragraph 6** of reference (g):

4.1.1.1. Any security response reasonably anticipated to require the use of force in accordance with Dept. of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 31-117, *Arming and Use of Force*.

4.1.1.2. Any security response to an alarm activation reasonably anticipated to result in the declaration of a COVERED WAGON including responses to facilities and resources necessary to perform emergency action procedures.

4.1.1.3. The declaration of a national defense area (NDA) involving assets or personnel assigned to 5 BW, 509 BW, 90 MW, 91 MW, 131 BW, 253 CACG, or 219 SFS.

4.1.1.4. Any security response related to a nuclear incident involving assets or personnel assigned to 5 BW, 509 BW, 90 MW, 91 MW, 131 BW, 253 CACG, or 219 SFS. This does not apply to incidents related to command, control, and communications (C3) maintenance.

4.1.1.5. Personnel designated by unit commanders authorized to receive custody of nuclear weapons during operational transports, including those required to sign the AF Form 504, Weapons Custody Transfer Document, including, but not limited to: a) MUNS custodian, b) AMXS custodian, or c) Aircrew member. (See Chapter 8 of AFMAN 21-203, *Nuclear Accountability Procedures*).

4.1.1.6. Personnel directly performing emergency action procedures or serving as Positive Control Material Custodians.

4.1.1.7. Personnel performing duty as Team Chiefs or Bay Chiefs, as described in AFMAN 21-204, *Nuclear Weapons Maintenance*.

4.1.1.8. Personnel performing duties as the Sole Vouching Authority or the Entry Controller for an Exclusion Area, as defined in DoDM S-5210.41, *Nuclear Weapon Security Manual*.

4.1.1.9. When Title 32 members participate in or originate, transmit, or execute orders involving forces to perform duties related to the above-listed triggering events.

4.1.1.10. When GSOC/CC directs an ANG unit to provide immediate operational support consistent with the terms of the agreement signed by the Governor of the applicable state and AFGSC/CC.

4.1.2. When ANG personnel are scheduled or anticipated to perform the duties or roles listed in **paragraph 4.1.1**, they shall begin their scheduled duty day in Title 10 active duty status.

4.1.3. Security forces personnel activated under Title 10 authority are authorized to enforce federal law. Use of force by all activated personnel is authorized under DoD Directive 5210.56, DAFI 31-117, applicable Special Instructions (SPINS), and the established Rules for the Use of Force.

4.1.4. When an event occurs that is not listed in **paragraph 4.1.1**, and a person designated in **paragraph 4.1** declares a triggering event, the designated authority must specify the ANG personnel to be activated (either by name, position, or duty).

4.2. Elements of self-execution. Elements of self-execution include:

4.2.1. Instantaneous: The urgency of a triggering event requires immediate activation to Title 10 status.

4.2.2. For Limited Duration: Self-execution to Title 10 status will continue for the duration of the triggering event, or until a designated authority (listed in **paragraph 5.1**) determines sufficient Title 10 resources are available and Title 32 personnel are no longer required for mission accomplishment. Upon termination of the event, Active Guard & Reserve (AGR) members revert to Title 32 status. Technicians and Drill Status Guardsmen remain in Title 10 status for the remainder of the duty day or 2400 hours, whichever is earlier.

4.2.3. In Garrison: Self-execution of ANG members will normally be limited to duties performed in garrison. Movement beyond state borders or operational activities in support of Combatant Commands (CCMD) will normally be planned in advance and use standard activation or mobilization procedures.

4.3. Termination. A triggering event is considered terminated when any designated authority listed in **paragraph 4.1** determines the initiating conditions have ceased and formally declares the event terminated. Upon event termination, AGR personnel who were activated to Title 10 status will revert to their original status.

4.4. Relief. For routine manning assistance requests, units should follow standard activation and mobilization procedures, including those described in references (f) and (g). Requests for additional forces during contingency operations should be submitted to the appropriate CCMD Air Force component staff and AFGSC/A3X.

Chapter 5

ORDERS AND PERSONNEL/DUTY STATUS

5.1. Command and Control Under Title 10 Status. When in Title 10 status, personnel will be under the command and control of the appropriate Title 10-unit commander. All personnel will revert to the command of their Title 32 commander once they are no longer in Title 10 status.

5.2. Full-time Active Guard and Reserve (AGR). Personnel will continue to perform their duties; however, their Title 32 orders must stipulate their automatic conversion to Title 10 status upon the occurrence of a triggering event (See paragraphs [6.1](#) and [7.8](#) of reference (g) for additional guidance and requirements).

5.3. Part-time Drill Status Personnel. Personnel may be placed on Title 32 training orders which stipulate their automatic conversion to Title 10 status upon the declaration of a triggering event as described in [paragraph 5.2](#) of this instruction, or they may be placed on continuous Title 10 orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 12301(d). Personnel on continuous Title 10 orders may, for brief periods, accomplish other duties incidental to training requirements without requiring a break in their orders. Personnel on Title 32 orders containing a self-executing Title 10 clause shall accomplish training requirements in Title 32 status.

5.4. Full-time Drill Status Personnel. For personnel in full-time Military Technician status, see reference (g) for guidance on scheduling Military Technicians to support operational requirements.

5.5. Roster Requirements. ANG units will provide AFGSC/A1M, AFGSC/A3, AFGSC/GA, and 201 MSS a certified roster, broken down by name, rank, active duty unit of assignment, and dates of participation of all those personnel who are activated to Title 10 status under the provisions of this instruction for any duration This roster will be provided by the last day of the month following the month in which ANG personnel were activated

5.6. Programming and Budget Responsibilities. ANG units will coordinate in advance with AFGSC/A3X, AFGSC/A1M, and AFGSC/GR to ensure proper programming and budget forecasting for known or reasonably anticipated Military Personnel Authorization (MPA) days

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

10 USC § 12301(b), *Reserve components generally; active duty for not more than 15 days a year* (Involuntary Annual Training)

10 USC § 12301(d), *Reserve components generally; active duty with the consent of the member* (Voluntary Active Duty)

32 USC § 502(f), *Required drills and field exercises; training or other duty* (Full-Time National Guard Duty)

DoDD 5210.56, *Arming and the Use of Force*, 6 November 2020

DoDM S-5210.10, *Nuclear Weapon Security Manual*, 4 May 2022

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AFGSC/A3 Memorandum, *Status of 253 CACG Personnel and Automatic Conversion to Active Duty Status*, 10 October 2025

ANGI 10-203, *Air National Guard (ANG) Alert Resource Management*, 8 May 2023

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Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

AF Form 504, *Weapons Custody Transfer Document*, 17 January 2008

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Product*, 16 April 2026

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFGSC—Air Force Global Strike Command

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFMAN—Air Force Manual

AGR—Active Guard and Reserve

AMXS—Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
ANG—Air National Guard
CACG—Command and Control Group
CCMD—Combatant Commands
CDRUSSTRATCOM—Commander, United States Strategic Command
COMAFSTRAT—Commander, Air Forces Strategic
DoDM—Department of Defense Manual
FTNGD-AGR—Full-Time National Guard Duty-Active Guard and Reserve
GSCO/CC—Global Strike Operations Center, Commander
GSOC—Global Strike Operations Center
JA—Judge Advocate
JFACC—Joint Functional Air Component Commander
MOA—Memoranda of Agreement
MOU—Memoranda of Understanding
MPA—Military Personnel Authorization
MUNS—Munitions
NDA—National Defense Area
OPDIR—Operational Direction
OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility
SPINS—Special Instructions
TFAs—Total Force Associations
UCMJ—Uniform Code of Military Justice
USNORTHCOM—U.S. Northern Command
USSTRATCOM—U.S. Strategic Command

Office Symbols

5 BW/CC—5th Bomb Wing, Commander
8AF/CC—Headquarters 8th Air Force, Commander
20AF/CC—Headquarters 20th Air Force, Commander
90 MW/CC—90th Missile Wing, Commander
90 SFG/CC—90th Security Forces Group, Commander
91 MW/CC—91st Missile Wing, Commander
91 SFG/CC—91st Security Forces Group, Commander

95 WG/CC—95th Wing, Commander

201 MSS—201st Mission Support Squadron

253 CACG/CC—253rd Command and Control Group, Commander

509 BW/CC—509th Bomb Wing, Commander

AFGSC/A1M—Air Force Global Strike Command, Manpower and Personnel Division

AFGSC/A3—Air Force Global Strike Command, Directorate of Operations

AFGSC/A3O—Air Force Global Strike Command, Operations Division

AFGSC/A3X—Air Force Global Strike Command, Operations Plans and Requirements Division

AFGSC/CC—Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command

AFGSC/CD—Air Force Global Strike Command, Vice Commander

AFGSC/GR—Air Force Global Strike Command, Guard and Reserve Advisor