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This mission directive implements Department of the Air Force Policy Directive (DAFPD) 38-1, *Manpower and Organization*. Its purpose is to define the mission, command structure, and responsibilities of Eighth Air Force (8 AF). This publication applies to Headquarters, 8 AF. This publication does not apply to Reserve Component units. This publication may not be supplemented or further implemented/extended. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility using Department of the Air Force (DAF) Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route DAF Forms 847 from field units through the appropriate functional chain of command. 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 of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System.

1. Mission. The 8 AF mission is to train, exercise, and prepare Airmen to conduct global strike operations and global command and control. 8 AF prepares forces for deployment and employment, to include conducting operations, maintenance, planning, training, and security in order to guarantee the continuous readiness of the United States' fleet of strategic bombers and Global Command & Control capabilities.

2. Command. 8 AF is a Numbered Air Force assigned to Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC). 8 AF has six subordinate units: the 2d Bomb Wing (Barksdale AFB, Louisiana), 5th Bomb Wing (Minot AFB, North Dakota), 7th Bomb Wing (Dyess AFB, Texas), 28th Bomb Wing

(Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota), 509th Bomb Wing (Whiteman AFB, Missouri), and 95th Wing (Offutt AFB, Nebraska). Commander, 8 AF will:

- 2.1. Report to Commander, AFGSC for service-related issues.
- 2.2. Report to Commander, Air Forces Strategic for United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) requirements.
- 2.3. Exercise Administrative Control (ADCON) over assigned units.

3. Responsibilities. Commander, 8 AF will:

- 3.1. Ensure readiness of assigned forces to conduct nuclear operations in support of USSTRATCOM. Reference USSTRATCOM Operations Orders (OPORD), Operations Plans, and AFI 13-520, *Aircraft and ICBM Nuclear Operations*, for additional roles and responsibilities.
- 3.2. Ensure readiness of assigned forces to conduct conventional deterrence and long-range strike operations in support of Combatant Commanders.
- 3.3. Ensure assigned forces retain custody of and provide security for assigned aircraft and conventional and nuclear weapons to ensure combat readiness and conduct operations. Reference DAFI 31-101, *Base Defense Operations*, and DAFI 91-101, *Air Force Nuclear Weapons Surety Program*, for additional roles and responsibilities.
- 3.4. Ensure readiness of assigned forces to conduct Global Command & Control, to include reconstitution team operations, on behalf of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS). Reference CJCS OPORD 2-23, *National Military Command System (NMCS) Survivable Mobile Command Center (SMCC) Operations*, AFGSC OPORD 84-24, *GIANT NET*, and AFGSC OPORD 24-03, *GIANT WIRE*, for additional roles and responsibilities.
- 3.5. Ensure readiness of assigned forces to support combatant commander requirements as directed in accordance with the Global Force Management Allocation Plan and modifications. Reference AFI 10-403, *Deployment Planning and Execution*, for additional roles and responsibilities.
- 3.6. Identify, validate, and advocate for requirements and funding for locations tasked by CJCS to support REFLEX DELTA and/or REBOUND ECHO operations. Reference CJCS OPORD 2-CY, *National Military Command System (NMCS) Survivable Mobile Command Center (SMCC) Operations*, AFGSC OPORD 24-03, *GIANT WIRE*, and AFGSC OPORD 84-24, *GIANT NET*, for specific locations and additional roles and responsibilities.
- 3.7. Be prepared to assume command of an exercise or real-world Response Task Force as directed by Commander, AFGSC or United States Northern Command, and provide other support and forces as required by AFGSC Plan 10-1, *Radiological Incident Response and Recovery Plan*.
- 3.8. Be prepared to support the Joint Nuclear Operations Center and the Joint Global Strike Operations Center with bomber subject matter expertise when requested.
- 3.9. Exercise General Court-Martial Convening Authority over subordinate units in accordance with Title 10, United States Code (USC), §822 and the Secretary of the Air Force's Worldwide Convening Authorities Designation Memorandum. Reference DAFI 51-201, *Administration of Military Justice*, for additional roles and responsibilities.

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

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Adopted Forms

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ADCON—Administrative Control

AF—Air Force

AFB—Air Force Base

AFGSC—Air Force Global Strike Command

AFI—Air Force Instruction

CJCS—Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

DAF—Department of the Air Force

DAFI—Department of the Air Force Instruction

DAFPD—Department of the Air Force Policy Directive

NMCS—National Military Command System

OPORD—Operations Order

SMCC—Survivable Mobile Command Center

USC—United States Code

USSTRATCOM—United States Strategic Command