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SPACE DELTA 15

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This mission directive implements guidance in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 38-107, *Air Force Mission Directives*. Its purpose is to state the mission, define the command structure, and establish the responsibilities of Space Delta 15 (DEL 15) and Combat Delta 1-15 (CDEL 1-15). This mission directive applies to DEL 15 and subordinate active-duty units and personnel. It does not apply to Air Force Reserve Command, Air National Guard, or United States Air Force units. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility using the Department of the Air Force (DAF) Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Product*; route DAF Forms 847 from field units through appropriate functional chain of command. Ensure that all records created because of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Instruction (AFI) 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule located in the Air Force Records Information Management System. This publication may not be supplemented or further implemented/extended.

1. Mission. DEL 15 organizes, trains, and equips combat ready USSF command and control (C2) forces for United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) as part of S4S. CDEL 1-15 is intended to be wholly and perpetually presented to USSPACECOM as a C2 element of Space Mission Task Force 1 (SMTF 1). CDEL 1-15 (when presented) provides the USSF core of the National Space Defense Center (NSDC) which executes C2 of forces in order to gain and maintain space superiority in the USSPACECOM Area of Responsibility in support of independent, joint, or combined all-domain military activities across the spectrum of operations.

1.1. **Organization.** DEL 15 (CDEL 1-15 when presented) includes a Delta Commander (dual-hatted as the NSDC Director), a Senior Enlisted Leader, and multiple S-Staff Directorates.

1.2. **Weapon Systems and Equipment.** DEL 15 (CDEL 1-15 when presented) operates multiple applications utilized for space operations and cyberspace defense of C2 capabilities. These applications support the planning, operations, and situational awareness needed to execute Higher Headquarters (HHQ) guidance and intent.

2. Command. DEL 15 (CDEL 1-15 when presented) is responsible to the Commander, United States Space Forces-Space - Combined/Joint Force Space Component Commander (S4S/CC-C/JFSCC). DEL 15 (CDEL 1-15 when presented) Commander executes delegated tactical control over assigned/attached USSF forces (combat squadrons and combat detachments) in accordance with established orders and assignment tables.

3. Responsibilities.

3.1. DEL 15 (CDEL 1-15 when presented) will:

3.1.1. Comply with applicable requirements identified in Joint publications, Department of the Air Force Instructions, Space Force Instructions, United States Space Command Instructions, and Space Forces-Space Instructions.

3.1.2. Execute assigned tasks as directed by S4S/CC-C/JFSCC.

3.1.3. Assess and report unit readiness and effectiveness. Ensure unit Joint Mission Essential Task List/Mission Essential Task List (JMETL/METL) is aligned with this Mission Directive and assigned missions through at least an annual validation.

3.1.4. Evaluate on-site contractor performance in accordance with the statement of work and guidance from the contracting officer.

3.2. DEL 15 will:

3.2.1. Exercise administrative control over assigned DEL 15 personnel.

3.2.2. Coordinate with Installation Commanders on installation operations requirements in support of assigned and attached forces.

3.2.3. Ensure adequate security is provided to protect any restricted access facilities and resources.

3.2.4. Provide for accounting, control, safeguarding, disbursing, and collection of government funds.

3.2.5. Ensure adequate support is provided per host-tenant/host-government agreements and Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements (MOUs/MOAs).

3.2.6. Provide combat-ready forces to conduct C2 responsibilities.

3.3. CDEL 1-15 (when presented) will:

3.3.1. Provide the USSF core of the NSDC.

3.3.2. Exercise delegated command authorities over assigned and attached forces.

3.3.3. Identify, develop, synchronize, and execute operations, activities, and investments in support of campaign plans, as directed by S4S/CC-C/JFSCC.

3.3.4. Identify operational priorities and intelligence requirements for appropriate intelligence collection, analysis, production, and dissemination actions.

3.3.5. Provide mutual support to other S4S/CC-C/JFSCC subordinate centers and USSPACECOM service and functional components, as directed by S4S/CC-C/JFSCC, including providing support to training, rehearsals, exercises, and wargames.

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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

DAFI 38-107, *Air Force Mission Directives*, 16 September 2025

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Product*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFI—Air Force Instruction

CDEL—Combat Delta

C/JFSCC—Combined Joint Force Space Component Commander

C2—Command and Control

DAFI—Department of the Air Force Instruction

DEL—Delta

S4S—United States Space Forces-Space

SMTF—Space Mission Task Force

USSPACECOM—United States Space Command

Office Symbols

S4S/CoS—U.S. Space Forces – Space, Chief of Staff