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**SPACE DELTA 5**

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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 5 (DEL 5) and Combat Delta 1-5 (CDEL 1-5). This mission directive applies to DEL 5 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 5 organizes, trains, and equips combat ready USSF command and control (C2) forces for United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) as part of S4S. CDEL 1-5 is intended to be wholly and perpetually presented to USSPACECOM as a C2 element of Space Mission Task Force 1 (SMTF 1). CDEL 1-5 (when presented) provides the USSF core of the Combined Space Operations Center (CSpOC) which executes C2 of forces in order to deliver space effects in support of independent, joint, or combined all-domain military activities across the spectrum of operations.

1.1. **Organization.** DEL 5 (CDEL 1-5 when presented) includes a Delta Commander (dual-hatted as the CSpOC Director), a Senior Enlisted Leader, and multiple S-Staff Directorates.

1.2. **Weapon Systems and Equipment.** DEL 5 (CDEL 1-5 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 5 (CDEL 1-5 when presented) is responsible to the Commander, United States Space Forces-Space - Combined/Joint Force Space Component Commander (S4S/CC-C/JFSCC). DEL 5 (CDEL 1-5 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 5 (CDEL 1-5 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 5 will:**

3.2.1. Exercise administrative control over assigned DEL 5 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 1-5 (when presented) will:**

3.3.1. Provide the USSF core of the CSpOC.

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