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COMMAND (USSPACEFOR-SOUTH)**

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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of United States Space Forces – Southern (USSPACEFOR-SOUTH) as the Service component to United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM). Refer to Space Force Instruction (SPFI) 13-105, *Space Forces Staff Operations, Readiness, and Structures*, for general mission functions of component field commands. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility using the DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route DAF Forms 847 from field units through appropriate chain of command. Ensure all records generated as a result of processes prescribed in this publication adhere to Air Force Instruction 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. USSPACEFOR-SOUTH is the United States Space Force (USSF) Service Component to USSOUTHCOM. USSPACEFOR-SOUTH provides the Commander, USSOUTHCOM (CDRUSSOUTHCOM) with capabilities-focused space forces to conduct the full range of military operations. USSPACEFOR-SOUTH also enhances security, promotes regional stability, and advances U.S. interests in the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility.

2. Command.

2.1. The Commander, USSPACEFOR-SOUTH (COMSPACEFOR-SOUTH) reports and is responsible to the Chief of Space Operations for the execution of the Secretary of the Air Force's responsibilities to provide Service-specific administration and support functions for USSF forces assigned or attached to USSOUTHCOM, to include specified administrative control of combat formations allocated from other field commands, as directed.

2.2. The COMSPACEFOR-SOUTH exercises operational and tactical control of USSF forces as delegated by the CDRUSSOUTHCOM.

2.3. The COMSPACEFOR-SOUTH, if designated as the Theater/Joint Forces Space Component Commander, provides command and control to all space forces made available by CDRUSSOUTHCOM, or Presidential directives.

3. Responsibilities . The COMSPACEFOR-SOUTH will:

3.1. Plan, integrate, synchronize, and execute space operations and the delivery of space effects in support of USSOUTHCOM as directed by CDRUSSOUTHCOM.

3.2. Maintain situational awareness of all USSF personnel in theater.

3.3. Establish subordinate echelons as required and inform the CDRUSSOUTHCOM.

3.4. Oversee and execute training and readiness for USSF forces assigned or attached to USSOUTHCOM.

3.5. Execute any additional responsibilities specific to the USSOUTHCOM mission or assigned by the CDRUSSOUTHCOM.

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