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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the *AF Form 847*, Recommendation for Change of Publication; route *AF Forms 847* from the field through appropriate functional 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 in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

AFMD8 has been revised. The rewrite changes updates, the current OPR and Certifying Authority, removes unnecessary acronyms, and incorporates minor edits throughout.

**1. Mission.** Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) organizes, trains, and equips forces for independent, joint, or combined military operations. PACAF provides the combatant commander rapidly deployable, capabilities-focused expeditionary air, space, and cyberspace forces to conduct the full range of military operations. PACAF also enhances transpacific security, promotes regional stability, and advances U.S. interests in the Indo-Pacific region. PACAF is a Major Command of the United States Air Force (USAF) and the Air Force component of United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM).

**2. Command.** The Commander, PACAF:

2.1. Is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) for administration, organizing, training, and equipping of assigned forces.

2.2. Commands designated USAF forces assigned/attached to USINDOPACOM.

2.2.1. By direction of CSAF, exercises administrative control (ADCON) over assigned and attached USAF forces. ADCON of PACAF-gained Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) and Air National Guard (ANG) forces is as specified by HQ USAF.

2.2.2. By direction of Commander, USINDOPACOM, exercises operational control (OPCON) over assigned and attached forces.

**3. Responsibilities.** The Commander, PACAF:

3.1. Plans, coordinates, supports, and conducts employment of air, space, and cyberspace operations across the full range of military operations, including security cooperation, to achieve USINDOPACOM objectives.

3.2. On order, provides assigned forces to other combatant commands.

3.3. Oversees training and readiness of PACAF-gained AFRC and ANG forces.

3.4. Establishes, sustains, improves, maintains, and operates facilities used by PACAF throughout the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility and Alaska.

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