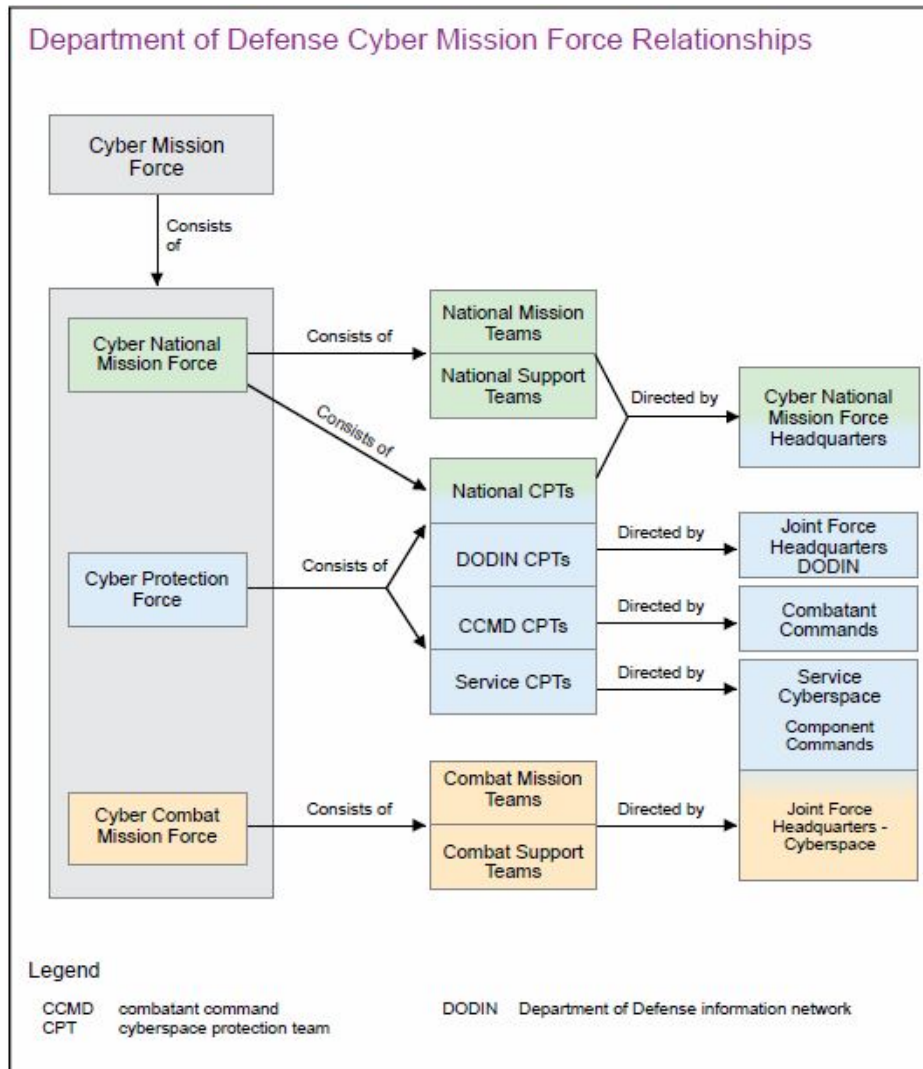


Cyber Mission Force Duties/Responsibilities

Proficiency Code: A

US Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) established the Cyber Mission Force, which includes Cyber Protection Teams, aim to address cyber threats to the Joint Force, but these efforts do not include the Air Force's inherent responsibility to protect its own core missions. This gap in the Air Force's ability to secure its core missions highlights the need for an organic, wing-level Air Force cyber force capable of defending its base critical infrastructure and weapon systems. While Cyber Mission Force Cyber Protection Teams can augment enclave defense, they do so primarily as a maneuvering capability that is limited in proximity, scope, scale, and time. The Cyber Squadron complements the Cyber Protection Team concept by providing persistent cyberspace security and defense at wing-level. Furthermore, contested environments will increasingly limit Cyber Protection Teams' mobility and availability. Embedding cyber defenders with operational missions wherever they operate is the most effective way to assure combat air and space power.



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