



ANNEX 3-14 SPACE OPERATIONS

**DIRECTOR OF SPACE FORCES**

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To [plan](#), [execute](#), and [assess space](#) operations, the commander, Air Force forces (COMAFFOR) typically appoints a [director of space forces](#) (DIRSPACEFOR) who facilitates coordination, integration, and staffing activities. The DIRSPACEFOR is a senior Air Force officer with broad space expertise and theater familiarity, normally nominated by the commander, Air Force Space Command (AFSPC/CC) and appointed by the theater COMAFFOR.<sup>1</sup> In the preferred construct of a dual-hatted COMAFFOR/JFACC, the DIRSPACEFOR serves as the senior space advisor to the JFACC, in an appropriate capacity, to tailor space operations as part of the joint force commander's (JFC) campaign plan. Also, this position normally requires a support staff to coordinate requirements specific to the JOA and ongoing military operations. Because the intended scope includes coordination with both Air Force and other Service space forces, the DIRSPACEFOR accomplishes joint responsibilities, especially given the normal situation where the JFACC is delegated [space coordinating authority](#) (SCA) and designated supported commander for space operations.

When the situation arises that there are no Air Force forces attached to a subordinate joint task force (JTF), the COMAFFOR to the joint force commander may be tasked in a supporting relationship to the JTF to integrate and provide space capabilities and effects. In the situation of multiple JTFs, the DIRSPACEFOR should work for the [theater](#) COMAFFOR/JFACC, who normally is delegated SCA, to provide space-enabled effects to the JTF based on JFC priorities.

The Air Force organizes, trains and equips space forces for employment during military operations based on the construct of a COMAFFOR/JFACC. However, there may be exceptional circumstances which fall outside the bounds of this construct. First, for the rare instances when the JFACC is not delegated SCA (e.g., a JFC retains SCA or delegates SCA to another component commander), the DIRSPACEFOR will continue to work space-related issues on behalf of the COMAFFOR/JFACC. Second, for the special case when the JFC chooses to organize and employ military forces through service components and does not designate a JFACC, the DIRSPACEFOR works for the COMAFFOR, who is expected to be delegated SCA. In all these special circumstances, theater-wide coordination will be the responsibility of the component

<sup>1</sup> AFSPC Instruction 10-202, [DIRSPACEFOR Selection, Training, and Support](#)

commander delegated SCA, who will normally be aided by a senior space advisor. The Air Force recommends a senior space advisor handle day-to-day SCA responsibilities on behalf of the component commander delegated SCA.

### **Tasks of the DIRSPACEFOR**

- ★ Recommend appropriate command relationships for space forces.
  - ★ Advise on establishment, deconfliction, and prioritization of operational military space requirements.
  - ★ Recommend policies for employing space capabilities, such as ROE.
  - ★ Provide senior space perspective for strategy and daily guidance development, effects and target selection, and space integration throughout joint operations.
  - ★ Monitor status of space forces that affect the JOA and provide status to JFC staff and components.
  - ★ Maintain space situational awareness.
  - ★ Request space inputs from JFC staff during planning and operations.
  - ★ Coordinate optimum interoperability of space assets with coalition forces.
  - ★ Execute day-to-day SCA responsibilities on behalf of the JFACC or represent the JFACC's equities if SCA is retained by or delegated to another commander.
  - ★ Advise the COMAFFOR on command and control of Air Force space forces if another component is designated JFACC.
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