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This revision adds the requirement for the U.S Army to provide ALO/TACP orientation and integration relative to the U.S. Army unit that each ALO will support(para 2c).

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History. This regulation states responsibilities for the provision, command, and maintenance of Tactical Air Control Parties (TACP) according to Air Force and Army agreements. It applies to US Air Force and Air National Guard TACP personnel and equipment supporting Army Units.

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1. Responsibilities of Army and Air Force Components of Unified Commands.

These components (supported and supporting) Commander in Chiefs (CINC) are responsible for:

a. Planning for TACPs in the Joint Operations Planning System (JOPS) to provide a link of the Army unit and Air Force TACP elements.

b. Providing status change data in the Unit Identity and Status Report (UNITREP) to track the actual deployment status of TACP elements.

2. Responsibilities of the Army:

a. Administrative support and services as follows:

- (1) Postal support.
- (2) Transportation.
- (3) Packaging and crating.
- (4) Exchange and commissary.
- (5) Information, education, and library.
- (6) Legal assistance.
- (7) Fire protection and inspection.
- (8) Chaplain.
- (9) Security protection.
- (10) Medical and dental accordance to Department of Defense (DOD) policies and services regulations.
- (11) Recreation and physical training.
- (12) Military training in subjects requiring periodic qualification, familiarization, or re-qualification that are within the capabilities of the of the supported units resources. The purpose of this military training is to ensure TACP members meet US Air Force training requirements and have a basic knowledge of combat survival skills on the modern battlefield. examples include:

(a) Individual weapon qualification and re-qualification (M-16 and 9mm pistol).

- (b) Nuclear, biological, and chemical defense.
- (c) First aid.
- (d) M0 machine gun (hands-on-familiarization).
- (e) M72A2 light anti-tank weapon (hands-on-familiarization).
- (f) Hands grenades (hands-on-familiarization).
- (g) Operational security (OPSEC).
- (h) Driver training.
- (i) Unit unique weapons and mission training that a TACP member might require for familiarization.

(13) Intelligence support and training.

- (14) Mortuary service.
- (15) Travel and per diem funds when temporary duty (TDY) is required to support Army-sponsored activities.

(16) Specialized military training in subjects that do not require Army school or training center instruction. An example would be air assault training.

(17) Specialized equipment and support that are unique to the supported organization. These are mission essential for the TACP and are otherwise unavailable. Examples are parachute rigging support and equipment for rigging TACP equipment and laser equipment. Providing laser equipment for TACP use depends on availability consistent with the tactical situation and current Fire Support Team (FIST) requirements.

- b. Logistic support as follows:
- (1) Maintenance of TACP tactical vehicles and communications equipment common to the US Army. This maintenance is accomplished on a priority basis when mission requirements dictate.

(2) Maintenance of laser equipment common to the using Army organization.

(3) Armored combat or special-purpose vehicles and crews as required by TACPs, if using Air Force TACP vehicles is not practicable and special equipment is required to perform the mission. The Army modifies these vehicles to accommodate the communications equipment that is provided by the TACP, and will assist during the installation of the equipment.

(4) office space, facilities, and real property necessary for the TACP.

(5) Normal building maintenance, water, electricity, heat, and fuel.

- (6) Mess facilities.
- (7) Family or bachelor housing.
- (8) Munitions and storage for TACP weapons.
- (9) Ramp parking space and minor maintenance facilities for Air Force aircraft assigned to the TACPs.

(10) Requests for transportation of TACP personnel equipment for unit deployment in exercises, contingencies, or war.

(11) Supply support for all TACP equipment common to the using Army organization.

- (12) Fuel for the TACP vehicles and generators.
- c. Orientation and integration as follows:

(1) Conduct a formal orientation for air liaison officers (ALO), within 30 days following arrival at duty station (battalion level and above), including but not limited to the topics listed below:

- (a) Unit organization and mission.
- (b) Command relationships with higher, lower, adjacent, supporting units (Army and Air Force) to include locations and visits to major elements.

(c) Threat order of battle in the area of operations.

(d) Operation plans, to include organization for combat, maneuver, fire support, close air support (CAS), and contingency plans.

(e) Tactical Operations Center (TOC) organization, layout, communications equipment and procedures. OPSEC, communications security (COMSEC), emergency operations, and working relationships (e.g. Joint Air Attack Team and Fore Support Element).

(f) Area of operations, to include critical installations and activities (e.g., airfields, radar, ammunition, and fuel storage sites), key terrain and line of communication, and major fire support weapons locations and capabilities.

- (g) Results of recent evaluations and exercises.
 - (h) Deception plans.
 - (i) Applicable standard operations procedures.
- (2) Integrate ALOs and other TACP members into command and staff activities as early as practicable after arrival.

3. Responsibilities of the Air Force.

The Air Force provides for:

- a. Command of TACPs.
- b. Logistics support as follows:
- (1) All equipment for the TACPs, except armored combat or special-purpose vehicles and special equipment as required to perform the mission.

(2) Maintenance of Air Force tactical vehicles and communications equipment not specifically included in paragraph 2b.

(3) Mission-essential supplies not readily available from the Army.

- (4) Information required by the Army in developing plans.
- c. maintaining and operating the Air Force immediate air request and tactical air direction nets.

d. Obtaining unified command approval of frequency allocations for CAS communications used by TACPs.

4. Army Regulations.

The US Air Force TACP will comply with Army regulations dealing with support and services provided by the Army. This support will be considered as meeting Air Force criteria when Air Force criteria are more restrictive.

5. Support Agreement.

According to DOD policy, details of interservice support agreements will be defined at the local level. when support in addition to the authorized by this regulation is requested by the Air Force and provided by the Army, interservice support agreements are required. Guidance for these agreements is in DOD Regulation 4000.19, Defense Regional Interservice Support (DRIS) Regulation.

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