

## **USAF Release on CSAR Transfer from AFSOC to ACC**

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### **Air Force Realigns Combat Search and Rescue Operations**

Washington, DC - Gen. T. Michael Moseley, United States Air Force Chief of Staff, directed the transfer of administrative control for select active duty Air Force combat search and rescue (CSAR) assets from Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) to Air Combat Command (ACC).

This change ensures the Air Force core competency of Combat Search and Rescue is directly linked to the Combat Air Forces and the personnel they support, thus consolidating the management of limited Air Force resources. Under ACC, the CSAR assets can be mobilized faster during a national crisis, integrated into combat training, and tasked to support all AEF rotations.

“Our military must always have the combat capability to rescue its people . . . our warriors . . . wherever and whenever required,” said General Moseley. “I’ve given ACC, PACAF and AFSOC commanders 30 days to develop a transition plan.”

Assets affected by this realignment include the HC-130 and HH-60 aircraft and most of the combat rescue officers/pararescuemen. Pacific Air Forces and US Air Forces Europe active duty units will remain separate from this action. Guard and Reserve units, will remain under administrative control to their respective units until they have been mobilized, at which time they will become ACC units (except PACAF).

This change will be completely transparent to the combatant commanders and designated Joint Force/Joint Force Air Component Commanders. They will continue to gain personnel recovery capability through the Joint Forces Air Component Commander in the same way they did before.

## **AFSOC Release on CSAR Transfer from AFSOC to ACC**

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### **AFSOC transfers AF CSAR mission to Air Combat Command**

Hurlburt Field, Fla. - Air Force officials announced today it will realign Air Force combat search and rescue assets from Air Force Special Operations Command to Air Combat Command.

The transfer will allow AFSOC, the air component to U.S. Special Operations Command, to focus on the continually expanding special operations mission in the Global War on Terror.

This administrative change will be transparent to combatant commanders and designated Joint Force/Joint Force Air Component Commanders who will continue to gain forces from Air Force major commands.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

## **ACC Release on CSAR Transfer from AFSOC to ACC**

### **CSAR mission to fall under ACC**

02/27/2006 -- LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) - Combat search and rescue will be coming back to Air Combat Command, the Air Force announced today.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, directed the transfer of administrative control for select active-duty Air Force CSAR assets from Air Force Special Operations Command back to ACC.

"Our military must always have the combat capability to rescue its people ... our warriors ... wherever and whenever required," said General Moseley. "I've given ACC, [Pacific Air Forces] and AFSOC commanders 30 days to develop a transition plan."

This change ensures this critical Air Force capability is directly linked to the Combat Air Forces. Under ACC, the CSAR asset can be mobilized faster during a national crisis, integrated into combat training and tasked to support all AEF rotations. It will consolidate management of limited Air Force resources.

Assets affected by this realignment include the HC-130 and HH-60 aircraft and most of the combat rescue officers/pararescuemen. PACAF and U.S. Air Forces Europe active duty units will remain separate from this action. With the exception of PACAF, Guard and Reserve units will remain under administrative control to their respective units until they have been mobilized, at which time they will become ACC units.

"This realignment will be completely transparent to the warfighters who rely on this capability day in and day out," said Gen. Ron Keys, ACC commander. "Our CSAR Airmen are arguably the best in the world, and I couldn't be more pleased to welcome them back into the ACC fold."

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