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## PACAF SECURITY ASSISTANCE

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Honolulu, Hawaii -- home of palm trees, hula dancers, Waikiki beach, Pearl Harbor, and the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM). This location, far from the west coast of the Continental United States (CONUS), is a convenient stopover for travelers to the many friendly nations of the Pacific and Indian Ocean areas. Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Command (USCINCPAC) is responsible for the vast expanse of the USPACOM region. His area of responsibility covers about 100 million square miles of the earth's surface and stretches from the shores of California through the Pacific and Indian Oceans to the east coast of Africa.

The strategic importance of this area cannot be overemphasized. Today, the United States' trade relationship with Japan is the largest ever in world history between two non-contiguous nations. Its volume roughly equals the trade with the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom and France combined. Last year, Asia-Pacific commerce exceeded \$143 billion and roughly half the oil imported by Western Europe was transported through the Pacific and Indian Oceans. In addition, five of the eight collective security pacts to which the United States is a party are with nations of this region. President Reagan's visits to Japan, Korea, and China in 1983 and 1984 emphasize America's awareness of the importance of the Pacific.

Consequently, the United States is, and must continue to be, concerned with the security of the region. A key method in which this concern is manifested is through security assistance (SA) to friendly and allied nations. This paper explains how the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Air Forces (CINCPACAF) and his staff fit into the chain of SA management.

As a service component commander to USCINCPAC, the Commander-in-Chief Pacific Air Forces (CINCPACAF) supports USCINCPAC's military operation in the USPACOM region. In this position CINCPACAF organizes, training and equips approximately 36,500 people at ten major bases throughout the Pacific. The resources under CINCPACAF's control offer numerous possibilities for interacting with regional nations and providing SA.

The mechanism for providing SA in the region is fairly well-defined by federal laws and regulations. The Security Assistance Management Manual [DOD 5105.38-M] tasks USCINCPAC to correlate SA programs with regional plans, support the in-country security assistance organizations (SAOs), and contribute to the SA budget development process.

USCINCPAC Instruction 4900.8A tasks CINCPACAF, as Air Force Component Commander, to advise and assist USCINCPAC, as requested, in the administration of USPACOM SA programs and activities. CINCPACAF and his

staff deal directly with USPACOM SAOs to provide Air Force peculiar assistance. HQ PACAF also implements approved SA programs as tasked by HQ USAF and USCINCPAC.

There are many examples of HQ PACAF involvement in SA. As one would logically expect, the advice and assistance given to CINCPACAF deals mostly with "blue-suit" matters -- those affecting the USAF and foreign air forces.

For example, a key SA issue which periodically surfaces is release of advanced aircraft to countries in the region. USCINCPAC seeks the view of his Air Force Component Commander in determining his position on such issues. Similarly, the Chief of Staff, USAF, can call on CINCPACAF to provide a regional perspective. CINCPACAF and his staff visit countries in the region frequently, gaining a first-hand knowledge of the concerns, desires and needs of foreign counterparts.

Perhaps the most preferred SA job of the PACAF staff is advising and assisting the in-country SAOs. Two offices on the staff were chartered for this very function. The Directorate of Security Assistance and the International Logistics Division serve as a central pool of manpower and expertise to supplement in-country SAOs. When an SAO asks for help, these offices determine the best way to support the request. At times this support entails travel to the SAO by HQ PACAF members with the desired expertise. At other times, PACAF can effectively satisfy the SAO request by researching the problem and mailing an answer with supporting background materials.

One final opportunity for the PACAF staff to provide SA advice and assistance is to PACAF field commanders. CINCPACAF has several commanders working for him at the numbered air force and air division levels in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. These commanders are involved with the host country air forces through bilateral programs, exercises and training, but have no formal SA staff offices. Therefore, these subordinate commanders rely on HQ PACAF staff for assistance in the SA arena.

HQ PACAF is heavily involved in administering the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program as well as various Foreign Military Sales (FMS) support cases in the USPACOM region. By far the most frequent type of training is familiarization/qualification, better known as on-the-job training (OJT). The US bases in the Pacific offer a wide range of disciplines which are of interest to armed forces of the region. A few of the more frequently requested courses are maintenance and supply, photographic interpretation, aircrew training, nursing, and electronics repair. OJT is an excellent tool to reinforce more formal training, and is the least expensive type of training available to the countries. The largest OJT customer in the region is the Philippine Armed Forces which receives training at Clark AB. Over 70 Philippine students were programmed to receive OJT training at Clark AB in FY 84.

PACAF also provides mobile training teams (MTTs) from its resources. Obtaining MTT support from PACAF is distinctly advantageous to USPACOM countries since PACAF resources are physically closer than resources from

the Continental United States. This saves country training funds by avoiding a portion of the high cost of transporting personnel and equipment across the Pacific. Recent examples of PACAF MTT cases are radar controller and photographic equipment maintenance training within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

PACAF also manages a limited number of FMS support cases which draw on PACAF resources to satisfy the requests of the purchasing country. Perhaps the most widely known cases managed by HQ PACAF are in support of foreign air forces participating in the annual COPE THUNDER exercise at Clark Air Base. Air Force units from several friendly and allied countries participate in this realistic simulated combat exercise each year. Most of these countries arrange to buy fuel, munitions, billeting, messing, and other support from USAF resources through FMS. HQ PACAF provides pricing data to HQ USAF, implements the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) when signed, and closes the case when payment is complete.

There are other examples of FMS contracts managed by HQ PACAF. The Philippine Air Force pays for utilities and upkeep on its headquarters building at Clark Air Base through FMS. Another example of this method is the permanent flying detachment the Republic of Singapore Air Force has at Clark AB which buys fuel, munitions, range time, and real property maintenance. Finally, the Republic of Korea pays for its share of the operation of a joint-use Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation (ACMI) range near Chong Ju with an FMS case.

Security assistance responsibilities on PACAF staff are split between two offices. The Directorate of Security Assistance Affairs, under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, is the focal point for security assistance policy. This office develops, coordinates, and establishes HQ PACAF SA regional inter-action programs. In layman's terms, this office manages FMS cases, recommends positions on issues for CINCPACAF's considerations, and assembles teams of specialists to help SAOs in disciplines other than logistics.

The other HQ PACAF SA office is the International Logistics Division, under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. The personnel in this office travel throughout the region providing assistance to supply and maintenance organizations of friendly and allied air forces. They also supplement SAO expertise and manning as requested by the SAO. A liaison officer from Air Force Logistics Command, collocated with this office, provides additional logistics management expertise.

The goal of this article is to show where PACAF fits in the overall SA management picture. For either HQ PACAF SA office to be effective, current information is critical. If you deal with SA in USPACOM, and you think we can help, please write us. Our message address is HQ PACAF Hickam AFB HI//XPK/LGXI//. Likewise, when traveling through the USPACOM region, drop in at HQ PACAF at Hickam AFB and meet the PACAF SA staff. After all, Hawaii is a nice place to visit.

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