ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES ARMY FUTURES COMMAND

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES ARMY FUTURES COMMAND.

   a. Effective 1 July 2018, United States Army Futures Command (AFC) (UIC: W0CUAA) is established with initial operating capability (IOC) as an Army Command (ACOM) under the jurisdiction of Headquarters, Department of the Army and full operating capability (FOC) no later than 1 July 2019.

   b. AFC leads the Army’s future force modernization enterprise. AFC assesses and integrates the future operational environment, emerging threats, and technologies to develop and deliver concepts, requirements, future force designs, and supports the delivery of modernization solutions. AFC postures the Army for the future by setting strategic direction, integrating the Army’s future force modernization enterprise, aligning resources to priorities, and maintaining accountability for modernization solutions.

   c. The Commanding General, AFC will report through the Chief of Staff of the Army to the Secretary of the Army. The Commanding General, AFC, will coordinate with the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology) on all matters pertaining to research, development, and acquisition.

   d. The Commanding General, AFC is designated as a General Court-Martial Convening Authority pursuant to Article 22(a)(8), Uniform Code of Military Justice.

2. REASSIGNMENT OF ORGANIZATIONS TO UNITED STATES ARMY FUTURES COMMAND.

The effective date of each reassignment of an organization listed below, and designation of subordinate elements to be assigned, will be established by HQDA Execution Order, to include the functions that will remain with the ACOMs in support of the fielded force. Assignment will occur no earlier than 1 July 2018 and no later than 1 July 2019.

   a. Army Capabilities Integration Center (ARCIC) (UIC: W3U2AA), together with its authorities, responsibilities, designated subordinate elements, personnel, and resources (including funding and equipment) is reassigned from United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) (UIC: W3YTAEE) to AFC.

   b. Capability Development and Integration Directorates (CDIDs) and associated battle labs, together with their authorities, responsibilities, designated subordinate elements, personnel, and resources (including funding and equipment) are reassigned from TRADOC Centers of Excellence to AFC.

   c. TRADOC Analysis Center (TRAC) (UIC: W4AEAA) together with its authorities, responsibilities, designated subordinate elements, personnel, and resources (including funding and equipment) is reassigned from TRADOC to AFC.
d. Research, Development, and Engineering Command (RDECOM) (UIC: W6EYAA) together with its authorities, responsibilities, designated subordinate elements, personnel, and resources (including funding and equipment) is reassigned from United States Army Materiel Command (AMC) (UIC: W0GWAA) to AFC.

e. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) (UIC: W3JCAA) together with its authorities, responsibilities, designated subordinate elements, personnel, and resources (including funding and equipment) is reassigned from AMC to AFC.

3. REASSIGNMENT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO ARMY FUTURES COMMAND. The purpose of this General Order is to initiate the establishment of AFC. The organizations listed in this GO for reassignment to AFC is not the entire inventory of organizations to be assigned to AFC. It is only the first tranche. Additional reassignments will be made in subsequent orders.

4. CROSS FUNCTIONAL TEAMS. Effective 1 July 2018; the eight cross-functional teams (CFTs) established in Army Directive 2017–24 (Cross-Functional Team Pilot in Support of Materiel Development), 6 October 2017, are permanently established and assigned to AFC. Assignment of authorities, responsibilities, personnel and resources (including funding and equipment) will be established by an HQDA Execution Order to follow.

5. RELATIONSHIP WITH PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICES. Prior to FOC an Army Directive will address the relationship of Program Executive Offices (PEOs) with AFC in accordance with statutes and regulations.

6. OTHER DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

a. TRADOC was previously responsible for building the future Army. Effective 1 July 2018, Department of the Army General Orders (AGO) 2006–21 is amended by deleting the sentence in paragraph 2, and replacing it with the following sentence: “TRADOC recruits, trains, and educates the Army’s Soldiers; develops leaders; supports training in units; develops doctrine; establishes standards; and builds the Army by developing and integrating operational and functional concepts and organizational designs for the fielded force.”

b. Provisions of any AGO that are inconsistent with this order are hereby superseded. Headquarters, Department of the Army principal officials and affected organizations will identify all previously published AGO affected by this order. Conflicts will be identified and conveyed to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7 no later than 90 days from the effective date of this order for staffing and publication in accordance with Army Regulation 25–30.

7. REVIEW AT FULL OPERATING CAPABILITY. HQDA will conduct a complete review of this General Order upon AFC achieving FOC to incorporate any unforeseen requirements to optimize the force modernization enterprise.

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