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**THE SENIOR/HOST AIR FORCE INSTALLATION COMMANDER**

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- Recent operations, notably Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, highlighted the nuances in on-base command arrangements and support requirements that result from mixed forces deploying forward, often to bare bases.
  - An installation commander, regardless of Service, always exercises some authority over and responsibility for forces on his/her base for protection of assigned forces and assets, lodging, dining, and administrative reporting, regardless of the command relations of those forces. These are inherent in his/her responsibilities as an installation commander.
  - The senior Air Force commander on any base where Air Force forces are present has responsibilities for care and provisioning of the Air Force forces on that installation, regardless of organization.
  - *For more detailed discussion, see Annex 3-30, [The Senior/ Host Air Force Installation Commander](#); refer to AFI 38-101, [Air Force Organization](#), for more specific policy guidance.*
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