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WASHINGTON DC 20330

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIRMEN

JUL 19 2023

FROM: CSAF

SUBJECT: Renaming Vice Commanders to Deputy Commanders

1. As global challenges continue to evolve and the importance of joint operations increases, we must ensure we are best aligned to meet these challenges with a clear, unambiguous structure.
2. Effective 1 August 2023, in coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force, I am directing the redesignation of all *Vice Commanders* to *Deputy Commanders* for Major Commands, numbered Air Forces, centers, wings, groups, and any other unit currently utilizing the duty title *Vice Commander*. Aligned with this redesignation, the office symbol for *Deputy Commander* will change to *CD*. This change will be implemented across Active Duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve organizations. AF/A1 will publish a guidance memorandum to AFI 38-101, *Manpower and Organization*, to document this change until the next AFI revision.
3. All existing authorities currently delegated or otherwise assigned to *Vice Commanders* are hereby transferred from the positions of *Vice Commander* to the positions of *Deputy Commander*. These authorities include those granted via delegation letters, Department of Defense and Air Force Publications, or in any other official documents. This change in duty title does not confer any new delegations of authorities or otherwise change in any way any currently assigned duties of the affected positions.
4. This redesignation is one of the several changes in motion to ensure we can execute our mission to "Fly, Fight, and Win . . . Airpower Anytime, Anywhere."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Q. Brown, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

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