

**Organizational  
Structure  
for National Defense**

# *Presentation Objectives*

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- **Comprehend the structure and functions of the primary elements of the National Military Command structure.**
- **Comprehend the assigned responsibilities and guidance to Commanders of Unified Commands which they must consider in discharging their duties and responsibilities.**

# *National Security Act of 1947*

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- Formed national military establishment
- Formed three executive departments
  - Army, Navy, Air Force
  - Each headed by cabinet-level secretary
- Established unified and specified commands
- Created position of Secretary of Defense
- Gave new secretary authority only to
  - Establish “general” policies
  - Exercise “general” direction, authority, control

# *Legislative and Executive Changes to the National Security Act of 1947*

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- **1948 Key West Agreement**
- **1949 Amendment**
- **1952 Amendment**
- **1953 Plan**
- **1958 Amendment**
- **1978 Amendment**

# *DOD Reorganization Act of 1986*

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- Designated Chairman *principal military adviser*
- Transferred duties of corporate JCS to Chairman
- Created position of Vice Chairman
- Specified chain of command to run from President to Secretary of Defense to unified and specified combatant commanders

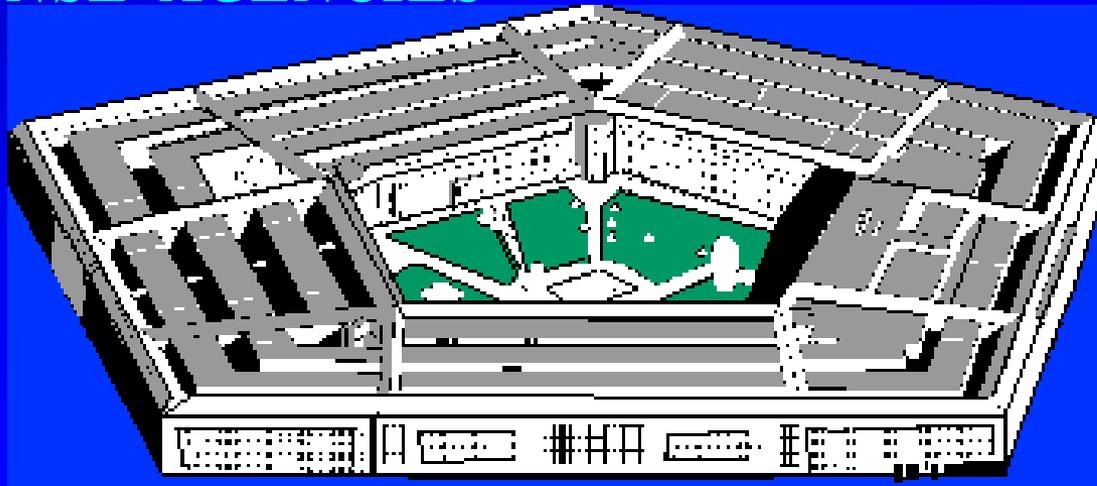
# *Elements of the Department of Defense*

Office of the Secretary of Defense

*DEFENSE AGENCIES*

*DOD FIELD  
ACTIVITIES*

*JOINT  
CHIEFS  
OF  
STAFF*



*MILITARY  
SERVICES*

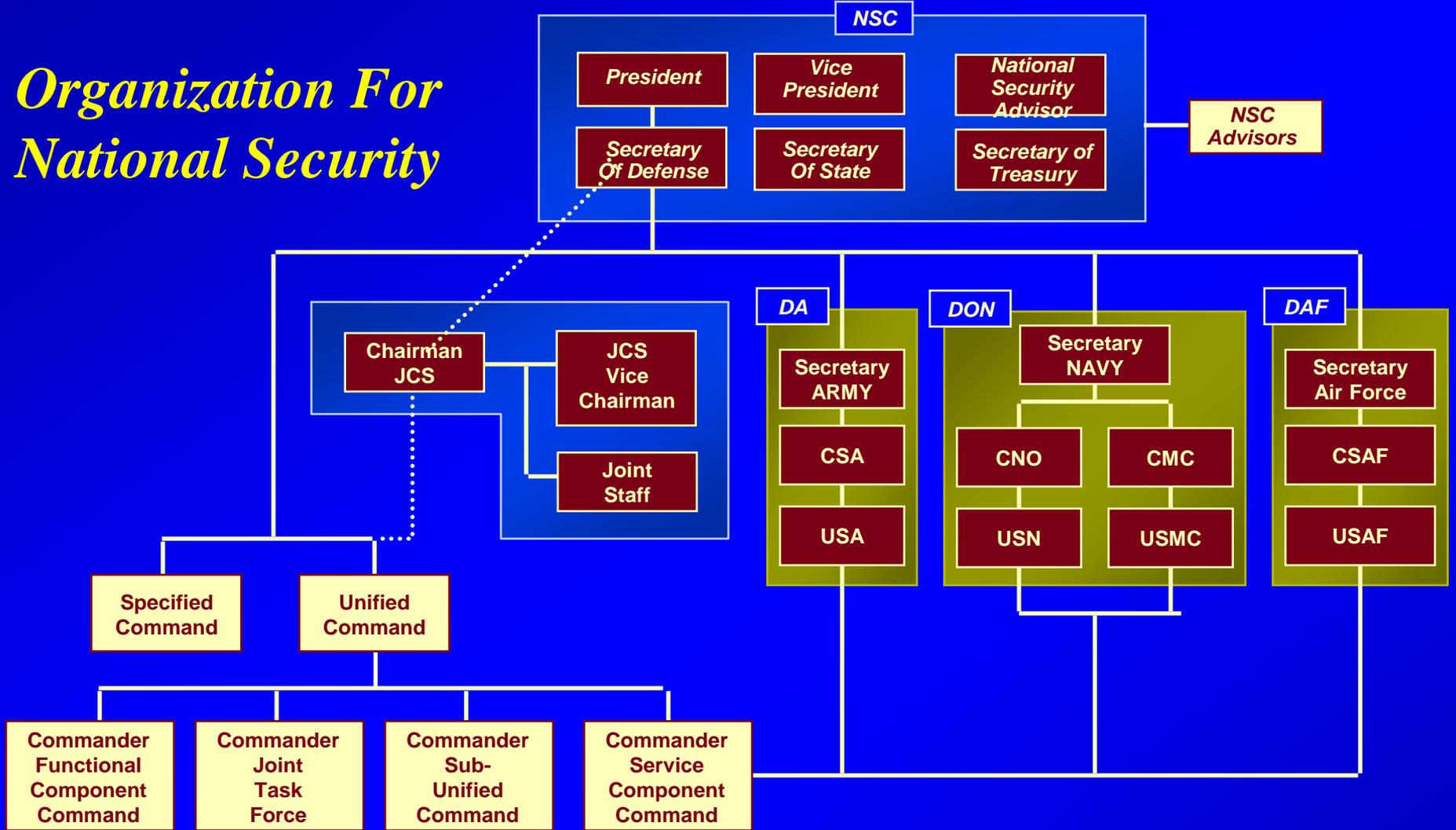
*JOINT  
STAFF*

*COMBATANT COMMANDS*

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*MILITARY  
DEPARTMENTS*

# Organization For National Security



## Operational Responsibilities

- Combatant Command
- Directive Authority
- Operations Planning
- Strategic Direction
- Military Advice

## Support Responsibilities

- Organize
- Train
- Equip
- Maintain
- Assign
- Support



# *Unity of Effort*



***Effective use of the Nation's military power requires that the efforts of the separate Services and SOCOM be closely integrated.***

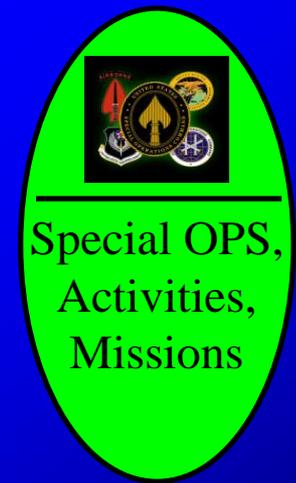
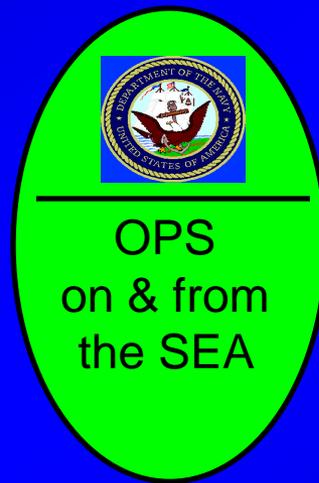
# *Functions of the Chairman*

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- **Arranges for military advice to OSD**
- **Is the senior military officer**
- **May not exercise military command**
- **Acts as spokesman for the Combatant Commanders**
- **Assists the President and SecDef in performing their command functions**

# *Command Responsibilities*

**ROLES** (Services and SOCOM) - Purposes established by Congress to perform:



**FUNCTIONS** (Services and SOCOM) - Specific responsibilities to fulfill their legally established roles, i.e. organize, train, equip

**MISSIONS** (Combatant Commanders) - Tasks assigned by the President or Secretary of Defense

# *Guidance to Combatant Commanders*

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- UNAAF
  - Unified Action Armed Forces, Joint Pub 0-2
- UCP
  - Unified Command Plan (Secret)
- JSCP
  - Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan (Top Secret)
- “**Forces for**” document
- Combatant Command Command Relationships

# *Unified Action Armed Forces*

## *(UNAAF)*

### *Joint Pub 0-2*

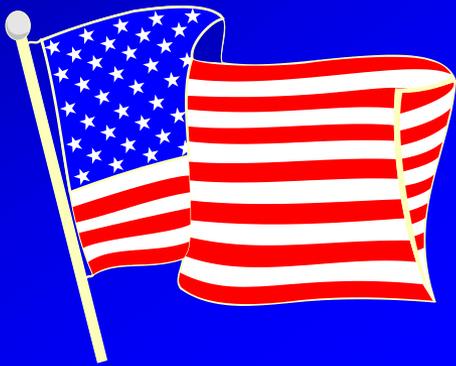
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- **Provides Doctrine and Policy governing Unified Direction of Forces**
- **Covers the Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components**
- **Discusses Doctrine and Policy for Joint Command and Control**
- **Covers Multinational Operations**
- **Provides Doctrine and Policy for Establishing Joint Commands**



# *Unified Command Plan (UCP)*

## **Guidance to Unified Combatant Commanders**



- **Establishes missions, responsibilities, and force structure**
- **Delineates geographic area of responsibility (AOR) and/or functional responsibility for Unified Commanders**

# *Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan (JSCP)*

- Provides task and missions
- Apportions major combat forces
- Provides requirement (OPLAN, CONPLAN, TSCP)
- Apportions strategic lift
- Provides additional guidance
  - Assumptions
  - JSCP supplemental instructions

# *Forces For Unified Commands*

- Assigns forces to combatant commanders
- May identify constraints

# *Organizing Joint Forces*

Subordinate Unified Command

Functional Component

**OPCON**

JTF

Combatant Commander Multinational

**TACON**

Joint Force

Joint Force Commander

**COCOM**

Service Component

Combined

Unified Command

# *The Joint Staff*

Chairman, JCS  
Vice Chairman, JCS

JCS

OPSDEPS

DEPOPSDEPS

Inspector  
General

DJS  
VDJS

Agencies & Reps  
of CJCS

Secretary,  
Joint Staff

Directorate of  
Management

J1

J2

J3

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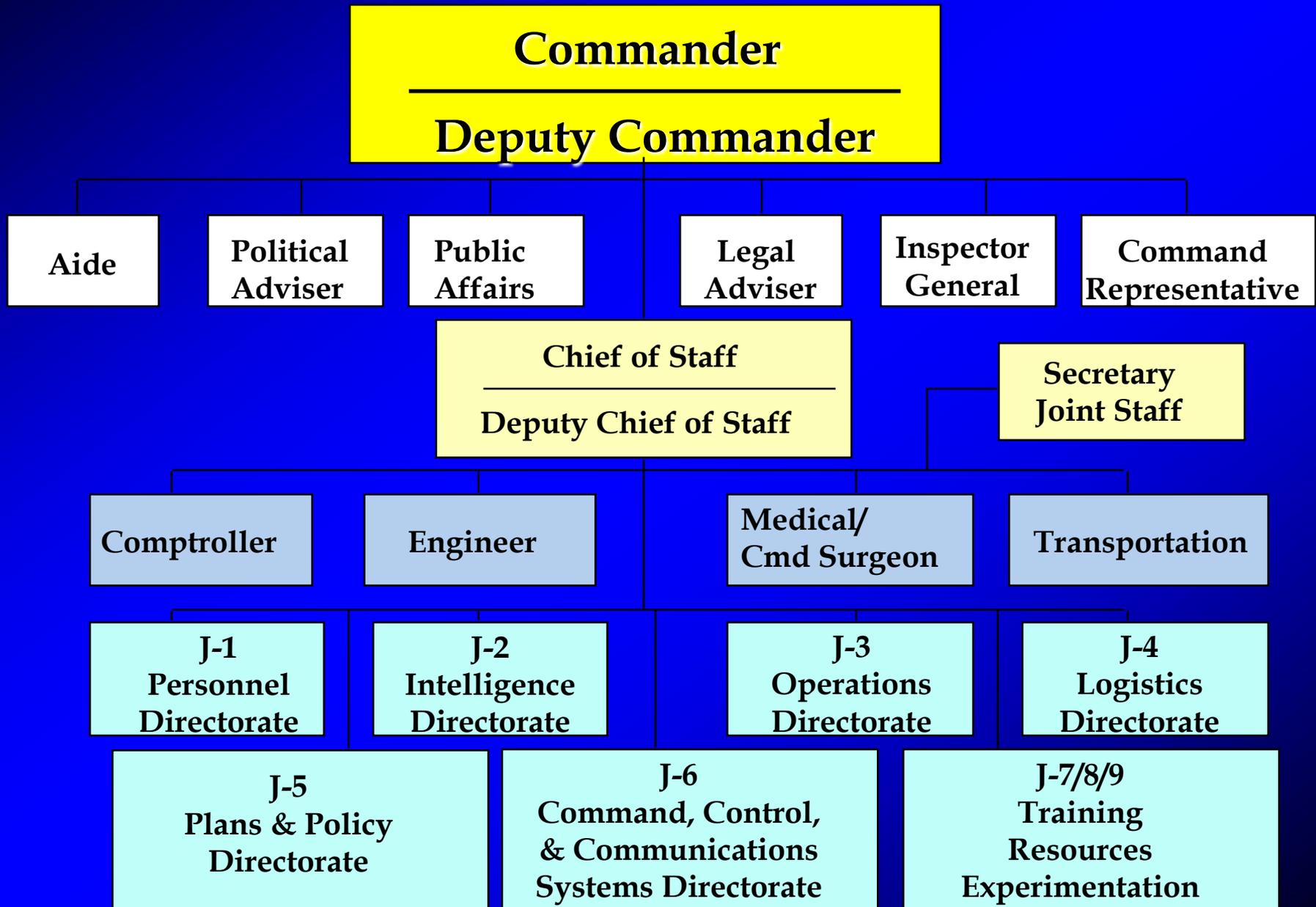
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# Combatant Commander Staff



# *Terminology*

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- ***Joint***

Connotes activities, operations, organizations, etc., in which elements of two or more military departments participate.

- ***Joint force***

A general term applied to a force composed of significant elements, assigned or attached, of two or more military departments, operating under a single joint force commander authorized to exercise operational control.

# *Terminology*

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- *Combined*

**Involving two or more forces or agencies of two or more allies**

- *Multinational operations*

**Military actions conducted by forces of two or more nations, typically organized within the structure of a coalition or alliance.**

# *Terminology*

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- *Unified Command*

A command with a broad continuing mission under a single commander and composed of significant assigned components of two or more military departments, and which is established and designated by the president.

- *Specified Command*

A command that has a broad continuing mission, normally functional, and is established by the president. It is normally composed of forces from a single military department.

# *Terminology*

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- *Combatant Command*

One of the unified or specified combatant commands established by the president.

- *Combatant Commander*

A commander in chief of one of the unified or specified combatant commands established by the president.

- *Joint Force Commander*

A general term applied to a combatant commander, subunified commander, or JTF commander authorized to exercise COCOM or OPCON over a joint force.

# Command Relationships

## Combatant Command (command authority) (COCOM)

*(Unique to Combatant Commander)*

- Budget and PPBS input
- Assignment of subordinate commanders
- Relations with DOD agencies
- Convene court-martial
- Directive authority for logistics

*When  
OPCON  
is delegated*

- Authoritative direction for all military operations & joint training
- Organize and employ commands and forces
- Assign command functions to subordinates
- Establish plans and requirements for ISR activities
- Suspend from duty subordinate commanders

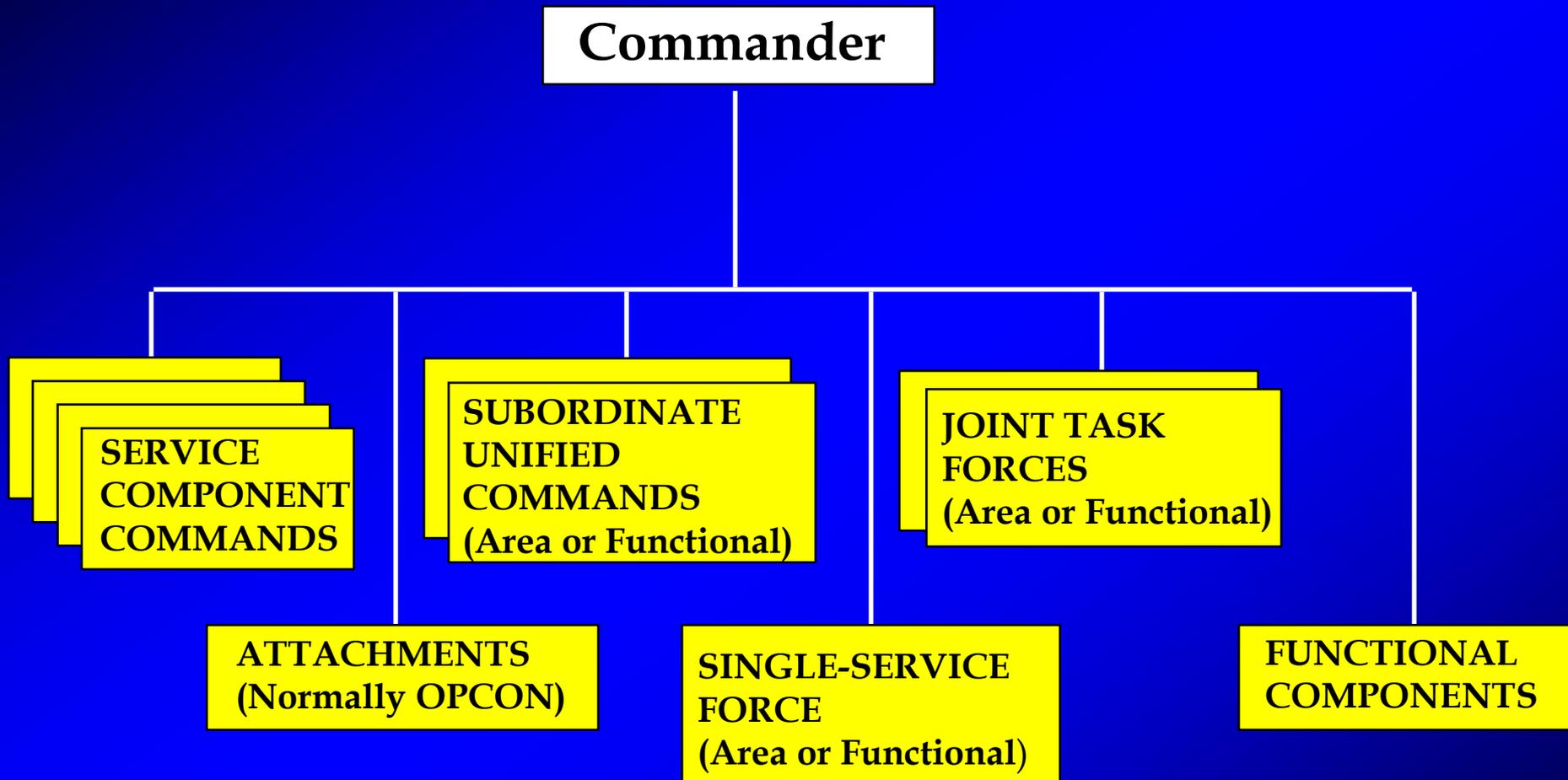
*When  
TACON  
is delegated*

- Locally directs and control of movements or maneuvers to accomplish mission

*When  
SUPPORT  
relationship  
is delegated*

- Aid, assist, protect, or sustain another organization

# *Combatant Commander Organization*



# *Subordinate Commands*

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- ***Subordinate Unified Command***

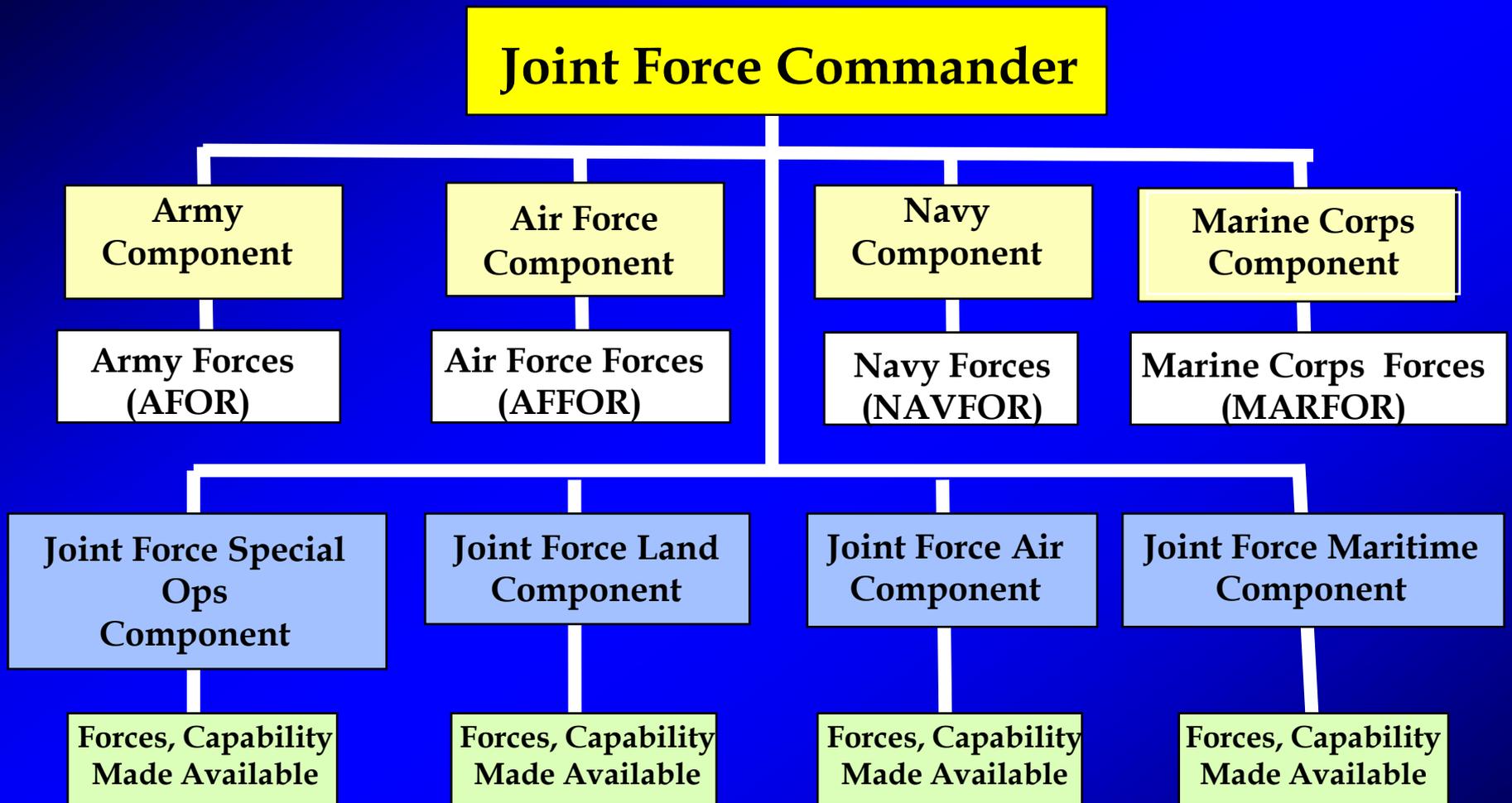
Established by a unified commander when authorized by the CJCS, composed of forces of two or more military departments to conduct operations on a continuing basis. Established on an ***area*** or ***functional*** basis.

- ***Joint Task Force***

A ***joint force*** that is constituted and so designated by the secretary of defense, a combatant commander, a subordinate unified command commander, or an existing JTF commander.

A JTF may be established on an ***area*** or ***functional*** basis.

# *Joint Force Commands*



# *Subordinate Commands*

## *(Components)*

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- ***Service Component Command***

A command consisting of the service component commander and all those service forces, such as individuals, units, detachments, etc. Under the command that have been assigned to a combatant command.

- ***Functional Component Command***

A command normally, but not necessarily, composed of forces of two or more military departments which may be established across the range of military operations to perform particular operational missions that may be of short duration or may extend over a period of time.

# *Component Commander Responsibilities*

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- **Recommend proper employment of forces**
- **Accomplish assigned operational missions**
- **Nominate specific units for identified requirements**
- **Conduct joint training**
- **Identify changes in logistics support capabilities**
- **Develop program and budget issues**
- **Support exercises and contingency planning**

***“Combatant Commander’s resident expert”***