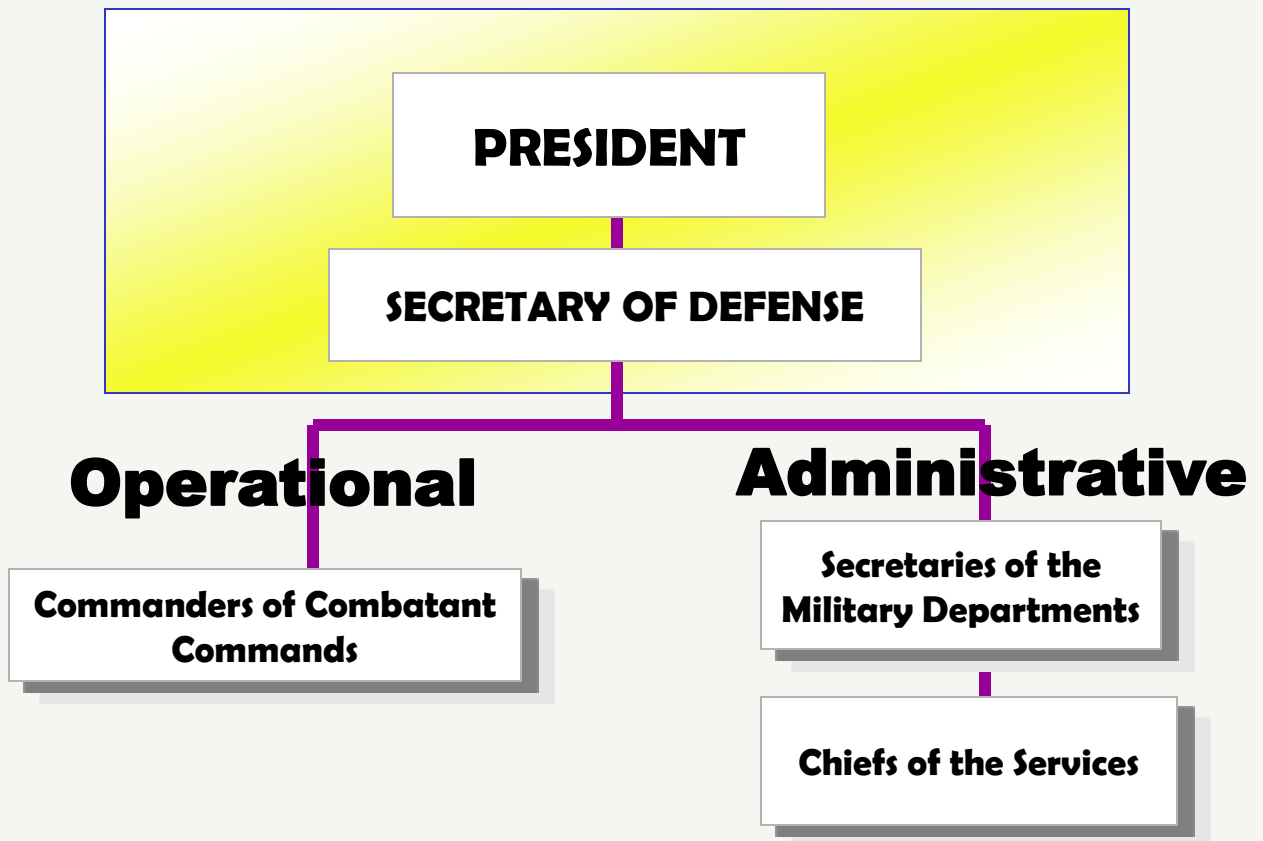
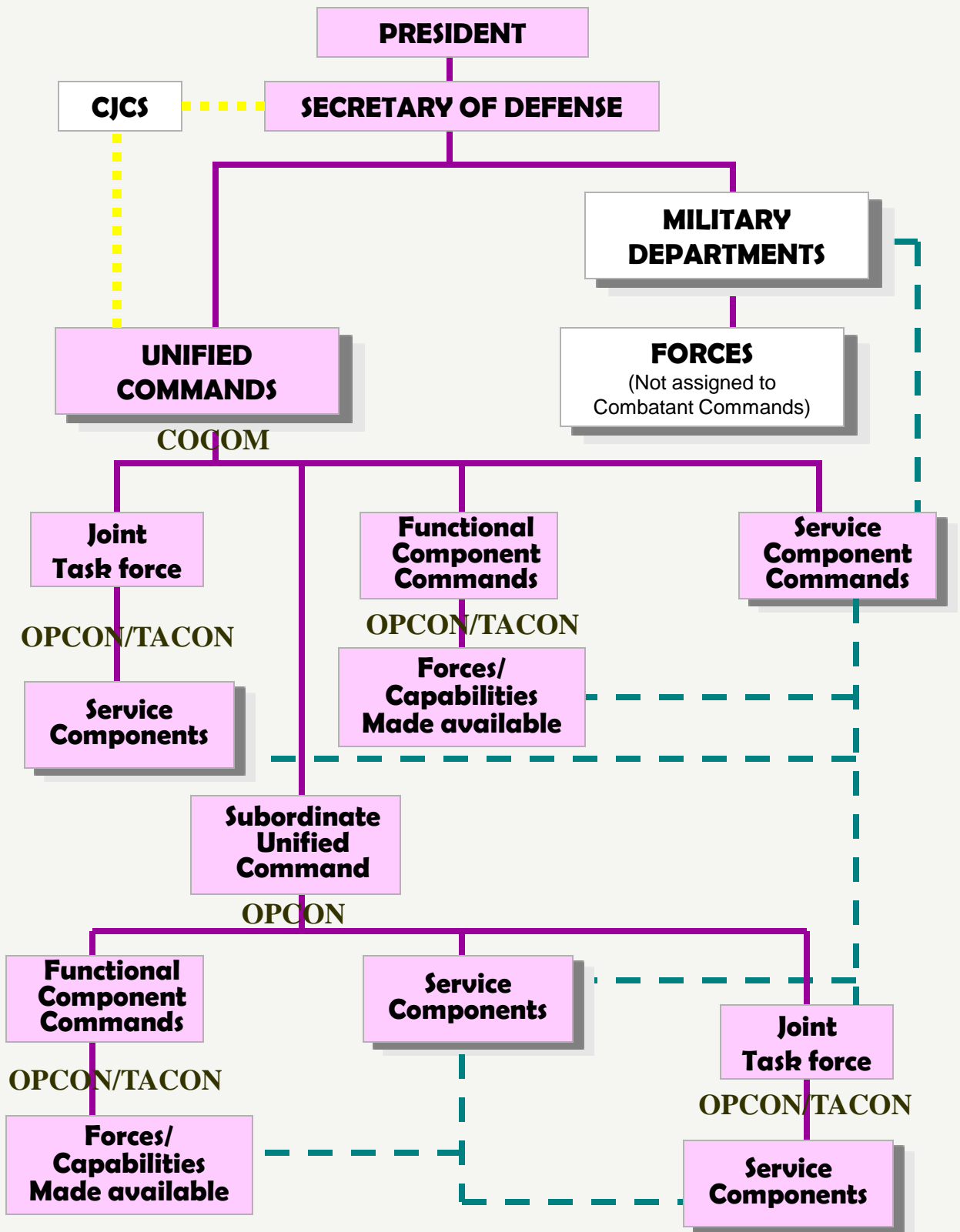


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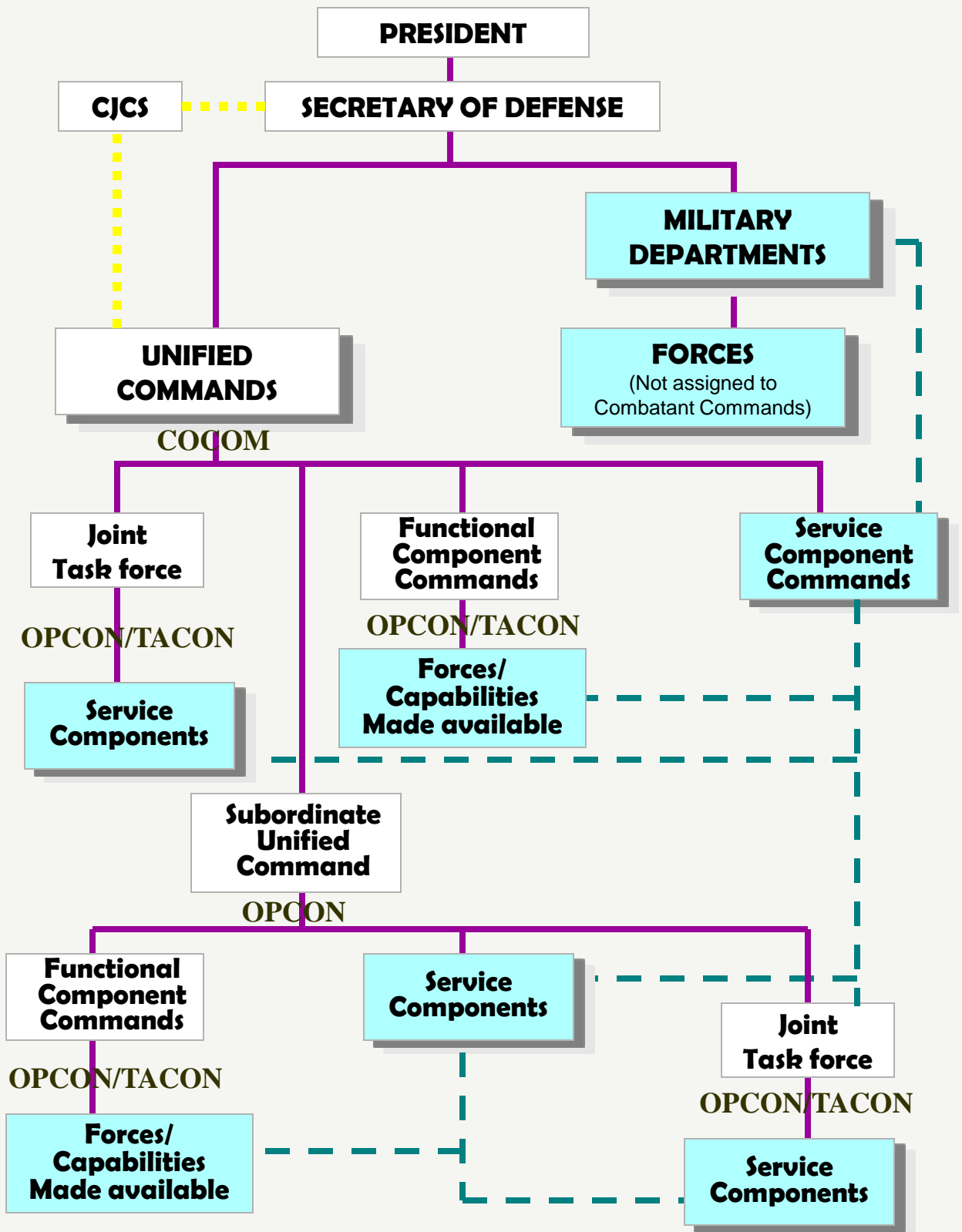


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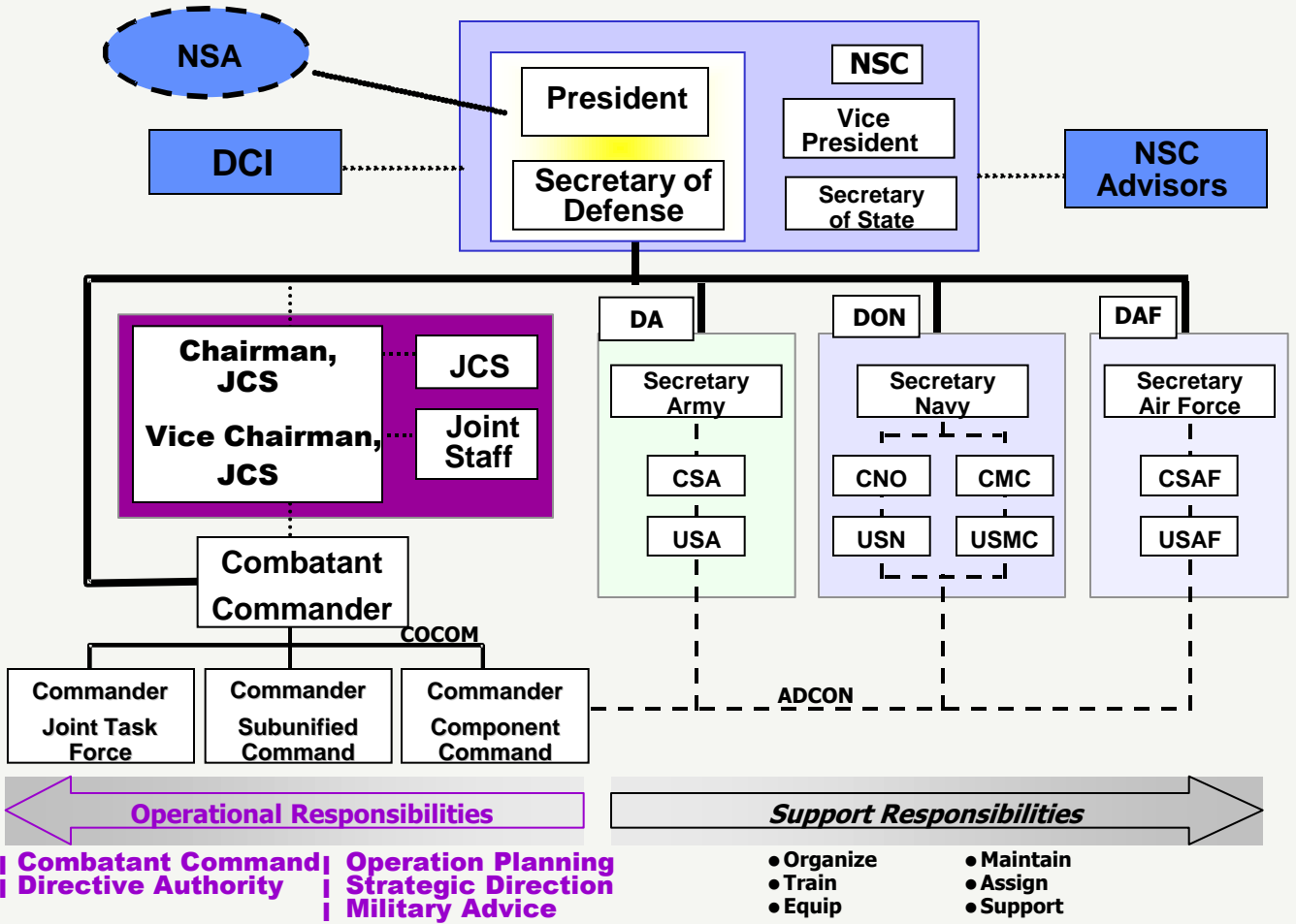
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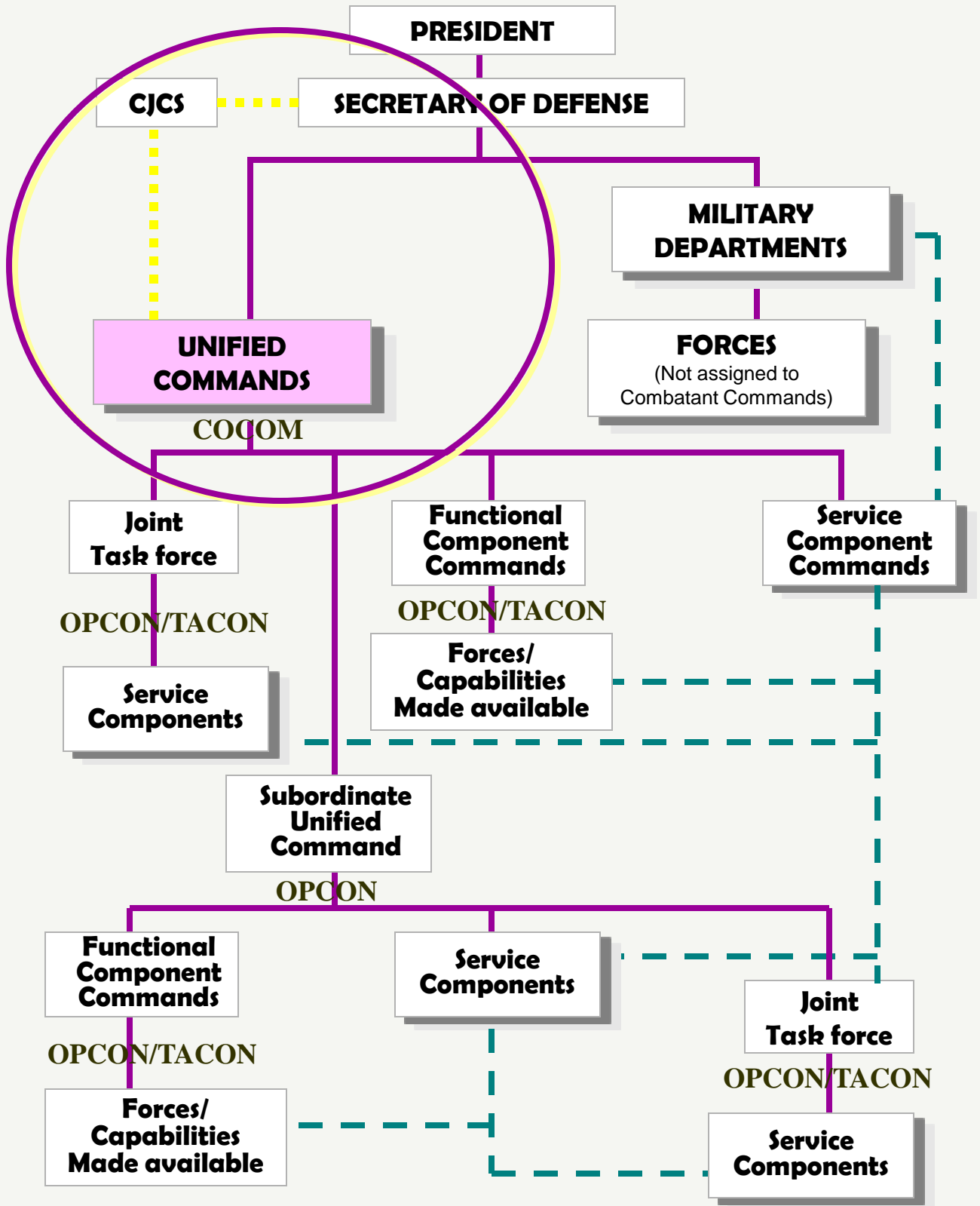
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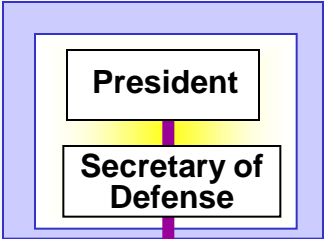
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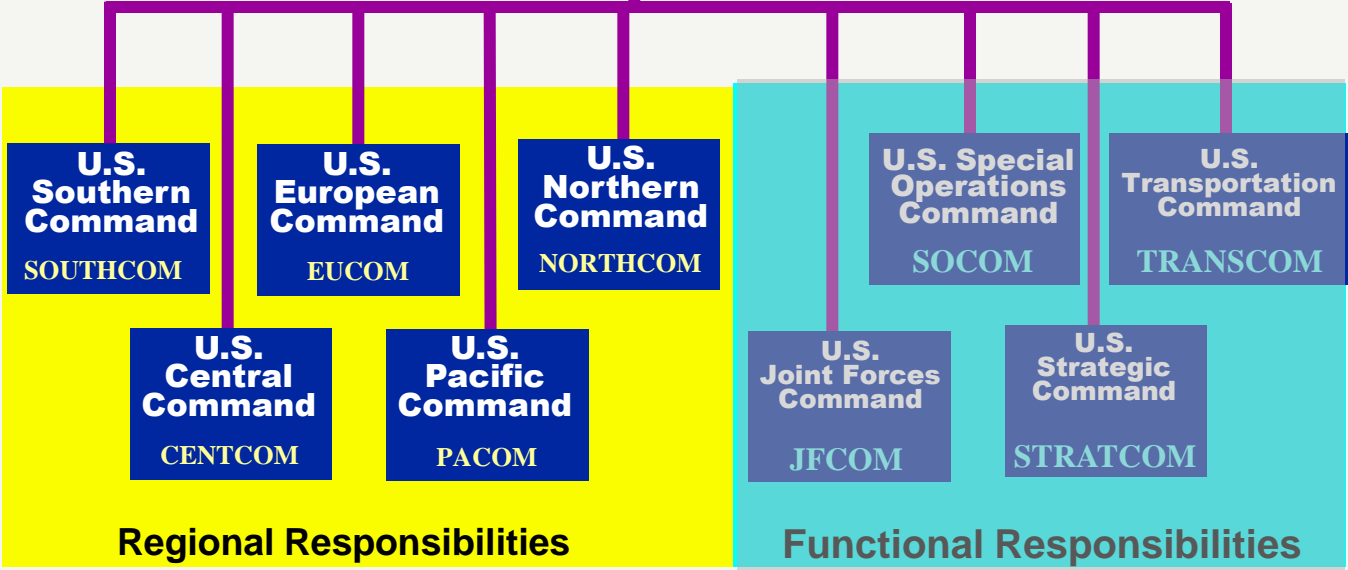
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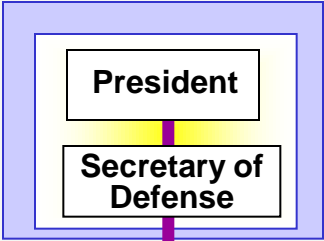
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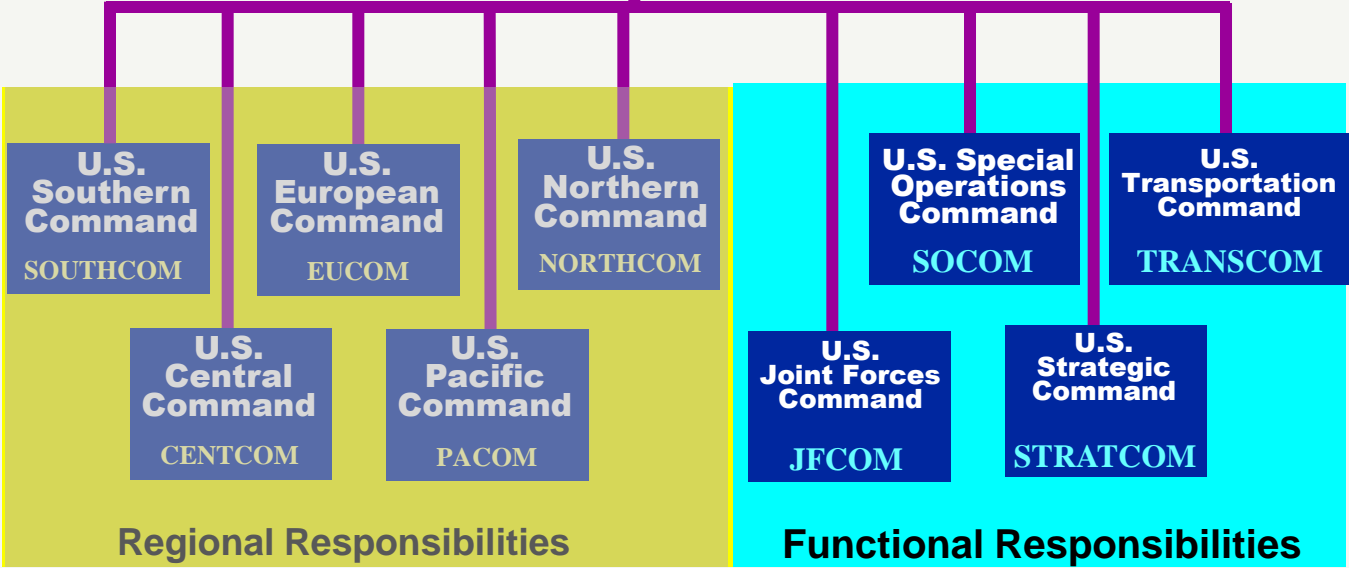
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UNIFIED COMMAND PLAN (UCP)

Guidance to Unified Combatant Commanders

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

FORCES FOR UNIFIED COMMANDS

Memorandum



Department
of Defense

- **Assigns forces to combatant commanders**
- **May identify constraints**

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

COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

Combatant Command (command authority) (Unique to Combatant Commander)

- Budget and Planning, Programming and Budgeting System Input
- Assignment of subordinate commanders
- Relations with Department of Defense Agencies
- Convene courts-martial
- Directive authority for logistics
- Authoritative direction for all military operations and joint training
- Organize and employ commands and forces
- Assign command functions to subordinates
- Establish plans and requirements for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance activities
- Suspend subordinate commanders from duty

When
**Operational
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is delegated

When
**Tactical
Control**
is delegated

Local direction and control of movements or maneuvers to accomplish mission

When
**Support
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Aid, assist, protect, or sustain another organization

General Functions of a Combatant Commander

- Giving authoritative direction to subordinate commands and forces necessary to carry out missions assigned to the command, including authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations, joint training and logistics.
- Prescribing the chain of command to the commands and forces within the command.
- Organizing commands and forces within that command as necessary to carry out missions assigned to the command.
- Employing forces within that command as necessary to carry out missions assigned to the command.
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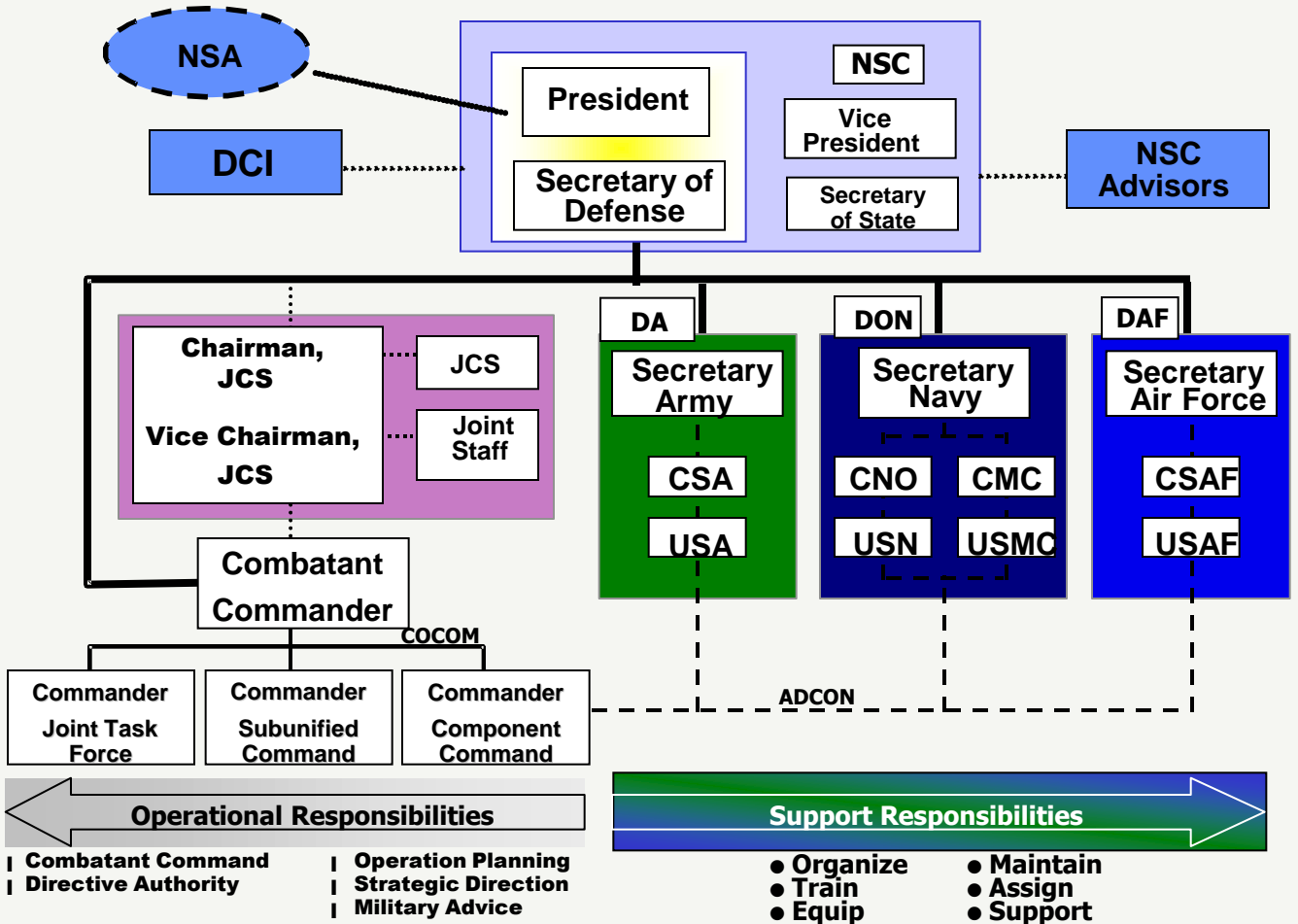
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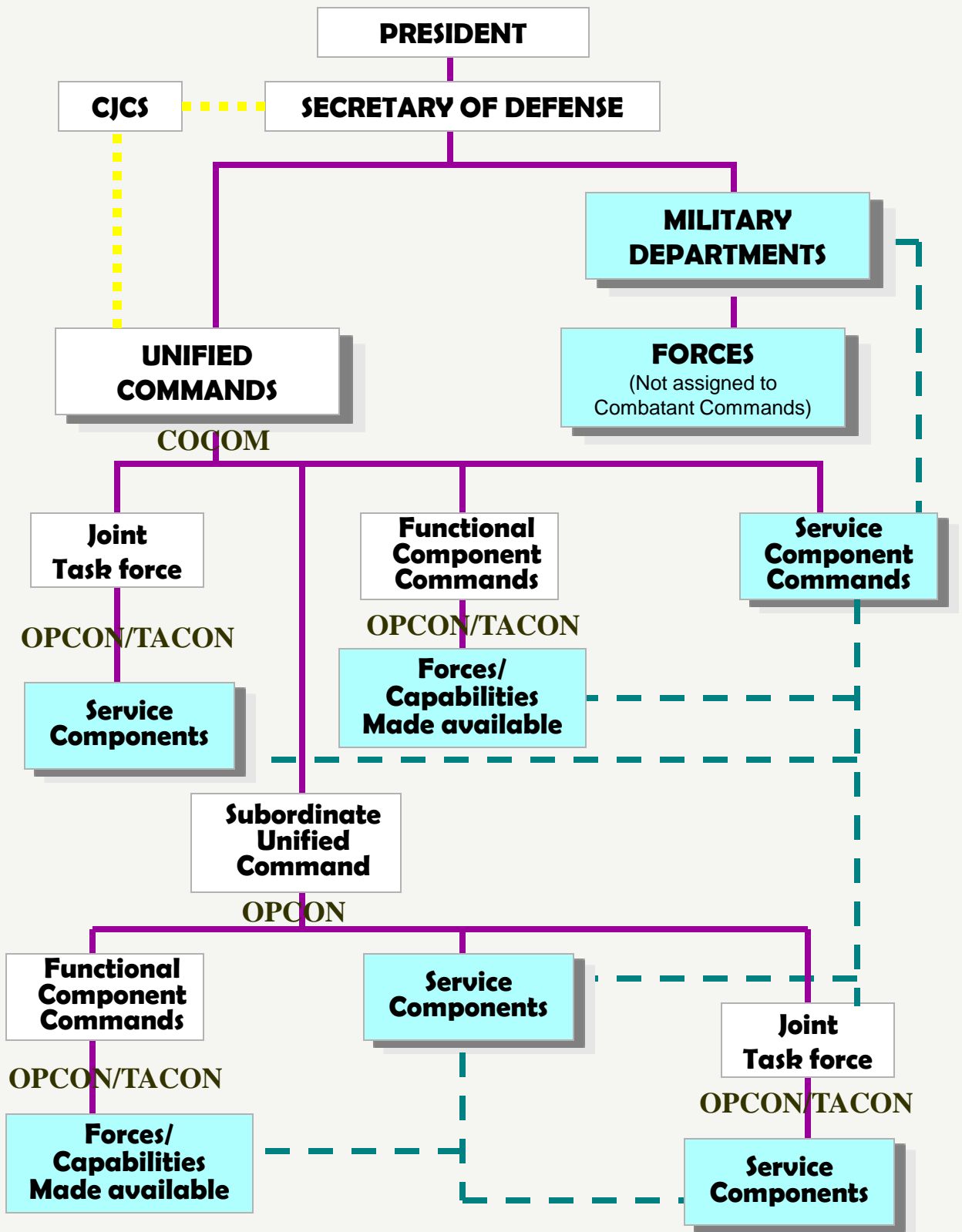
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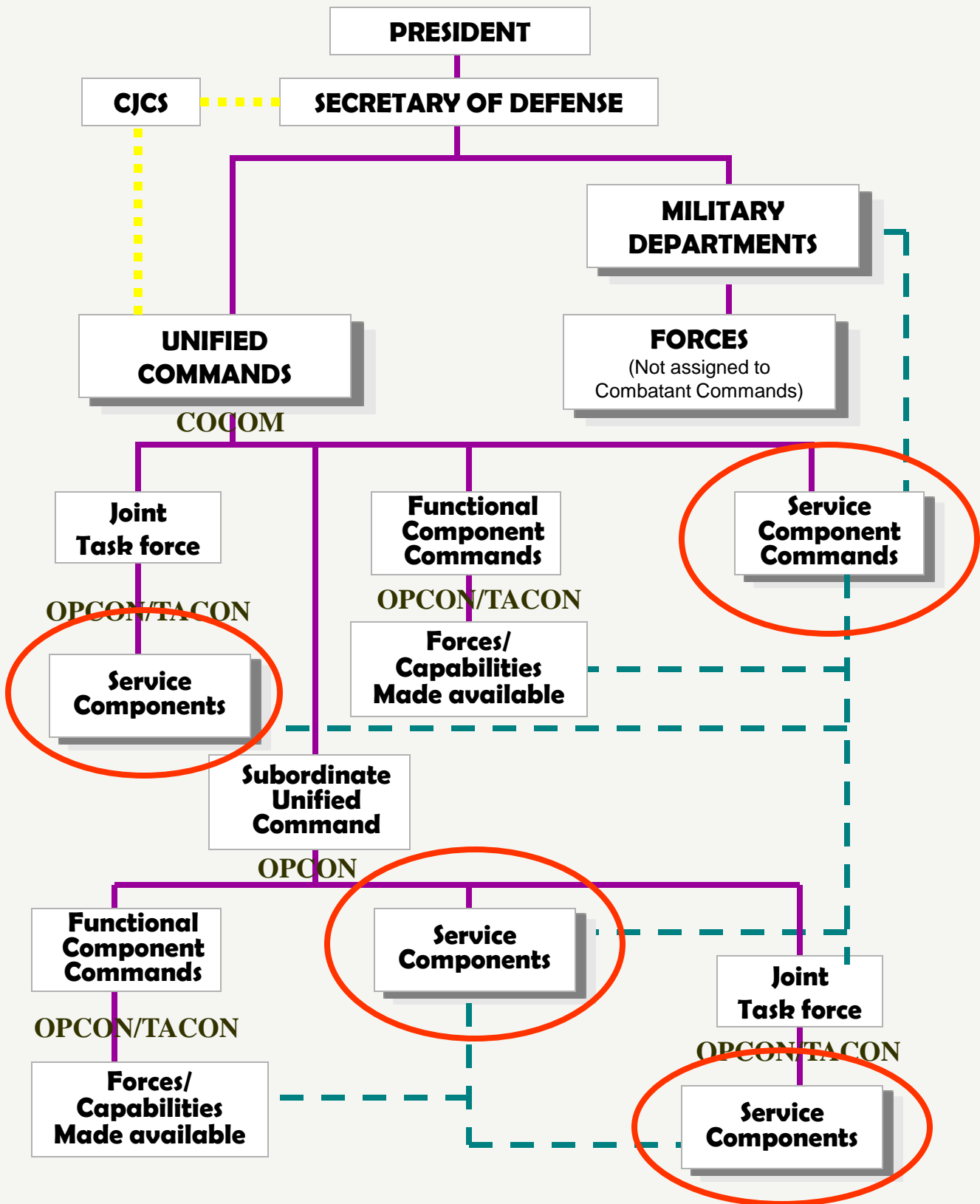
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Service Component Commanders

1. **Make recommendations to the JFC on the proper employment** of the forces of the Service component.
2. **Accomplish** such **operational missions** as may be assigned.
3. **Select and nominate specific units** of the parent Service component **for assignment to other subordinate forces.**
4. **Conduct joint training**, including the training, as directed, of components of other Services in joint operations for which the Service component commander has or may be assigned primary responsibility, or for which the Service component's facilities and capabilities are suitable.

Service Component Commanders

5. **Inform their JFC** (and their combatant commander, if affected) **of planning for changes in logistic support** that would significantly affect operational capability or sustainability sufficiently early in the planning process for the JFC to evaluate the proposals prior to final decision or implementation. If the combatant commander does not approve the proposal and discrepancies cannot be resolved between the combatant commander and the Service component commander, the combatant commander will forward the issue through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense for resolution.
6. **Develop program and budget requests** that comply with combatant commander guidance on warfighting requirements and priorities. The Service component commander will provide to the combatant commander a copy of the program submission prior to forwarding it to the Service headquarters. The Service component commander will keep the combatant commander informed of the status of combatant commander requirements while Service programs are under development.

Service Component Commanders

7. Inform the combatant commander of program and budget decisions that may affect joint operation planning.

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 - Internal administration and discipline.
 - Training in own Service doctrine, tactical methods, and techniques.
 - Logistic functions normal to the command, except as otherwise directed by higher authority.
 - Service intelligence matters and oversight of intelligence activities to ensure compliance with the laws, policies, and directives.

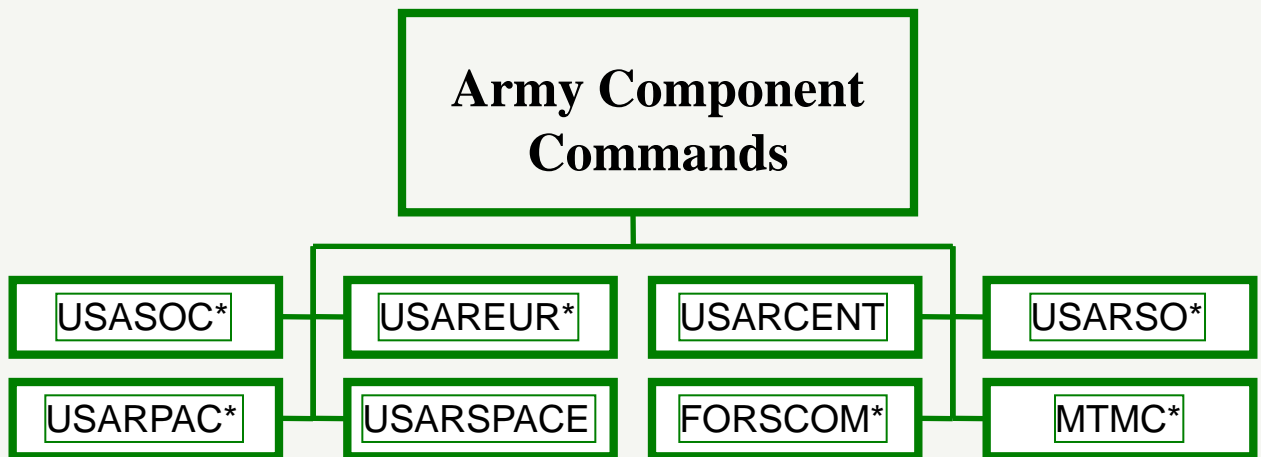
Service Component Commanders

9. **Communication with a Service Chief.**

Unless otherwise directed by the combatant commander, the Service component commander will communicate through the combatant command on those matters over which the combatant commander exercises COCOM. **On Service-specific matters** such as personnel, administration, and unit training, the **Service component commander will normally communicate directly with the Service Chief**, informing the combatant commander as the combatant commander directs.

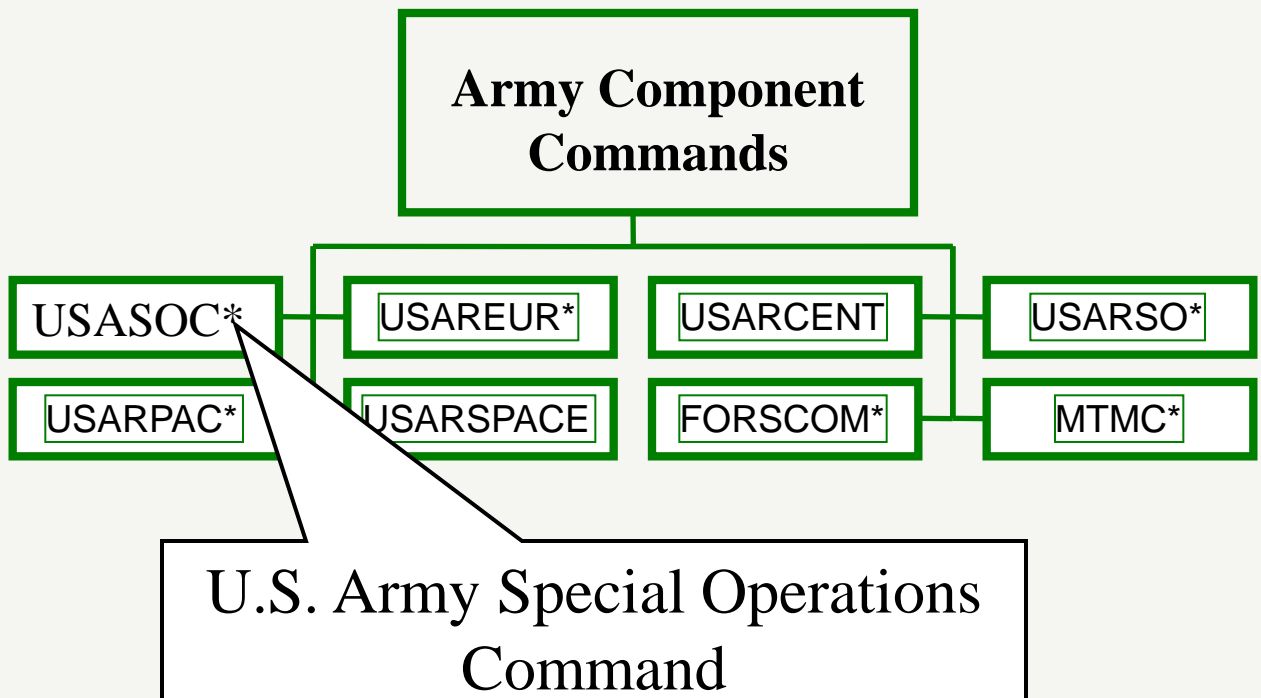
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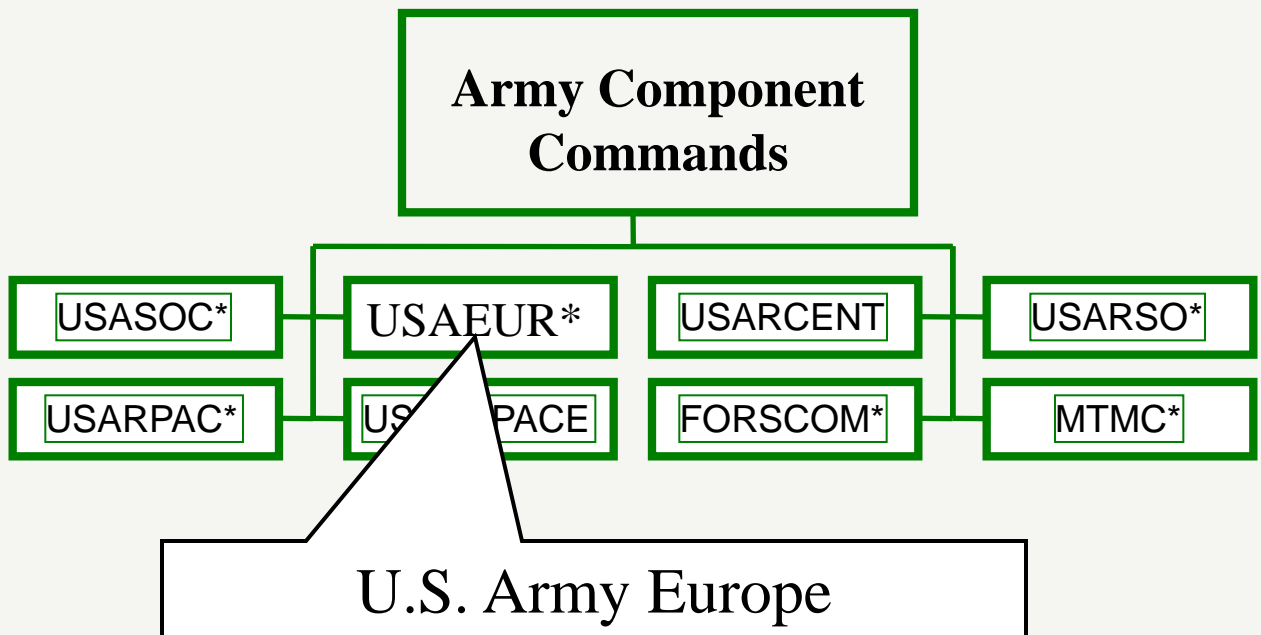
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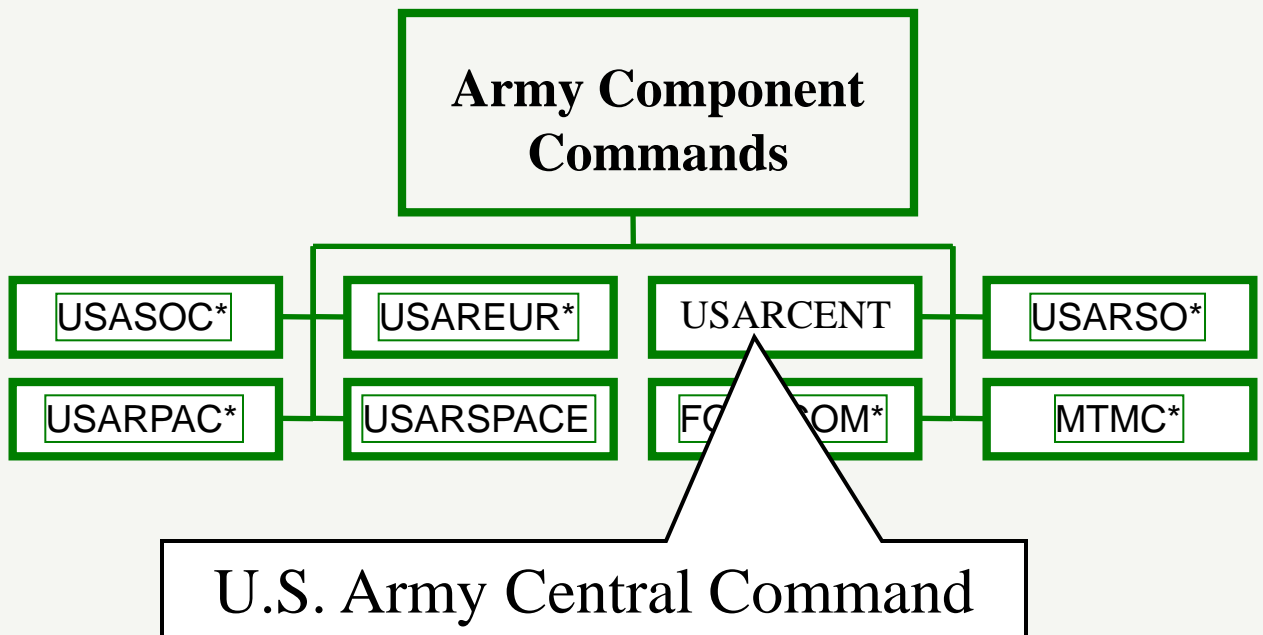
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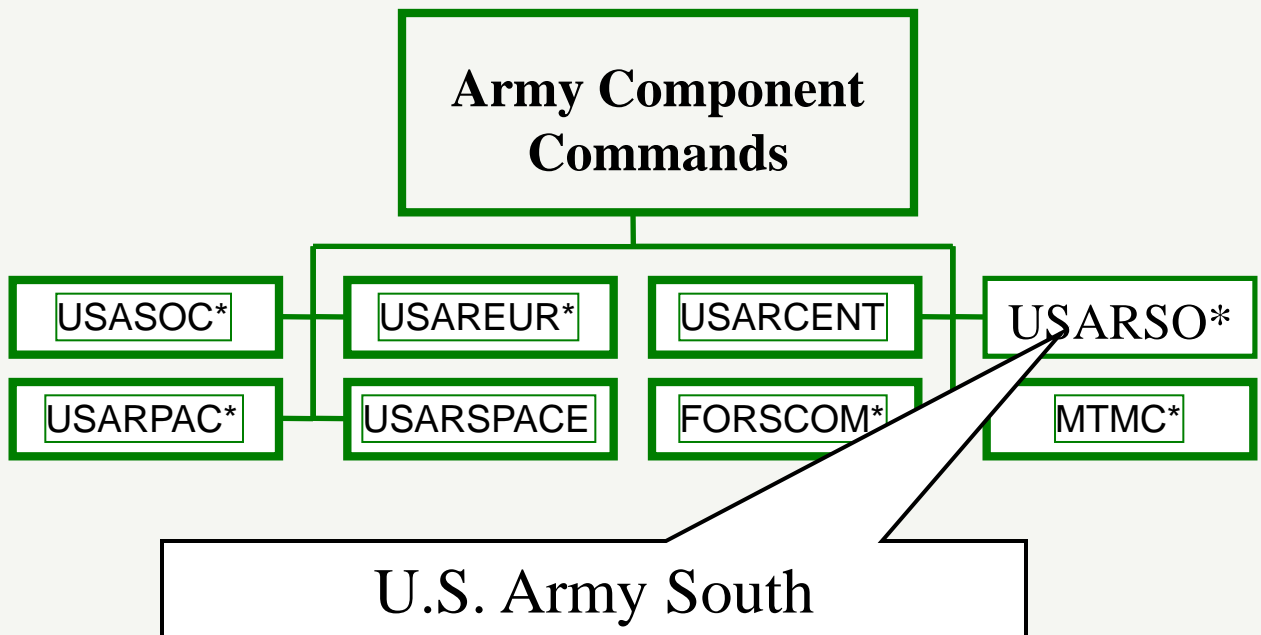
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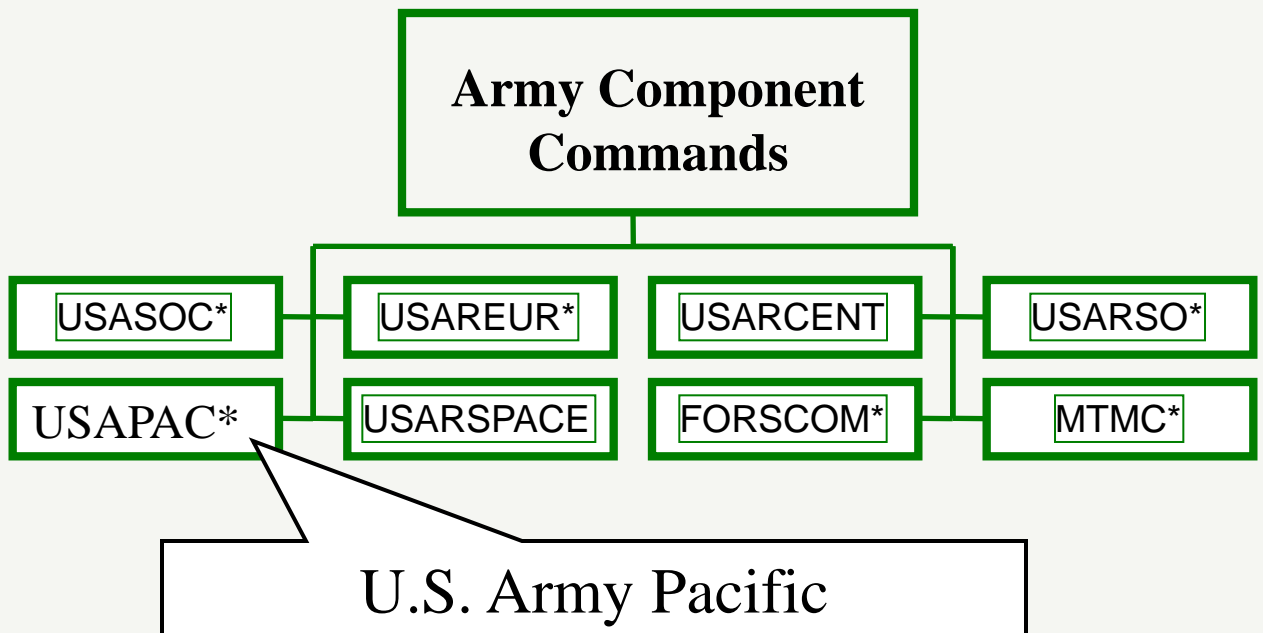
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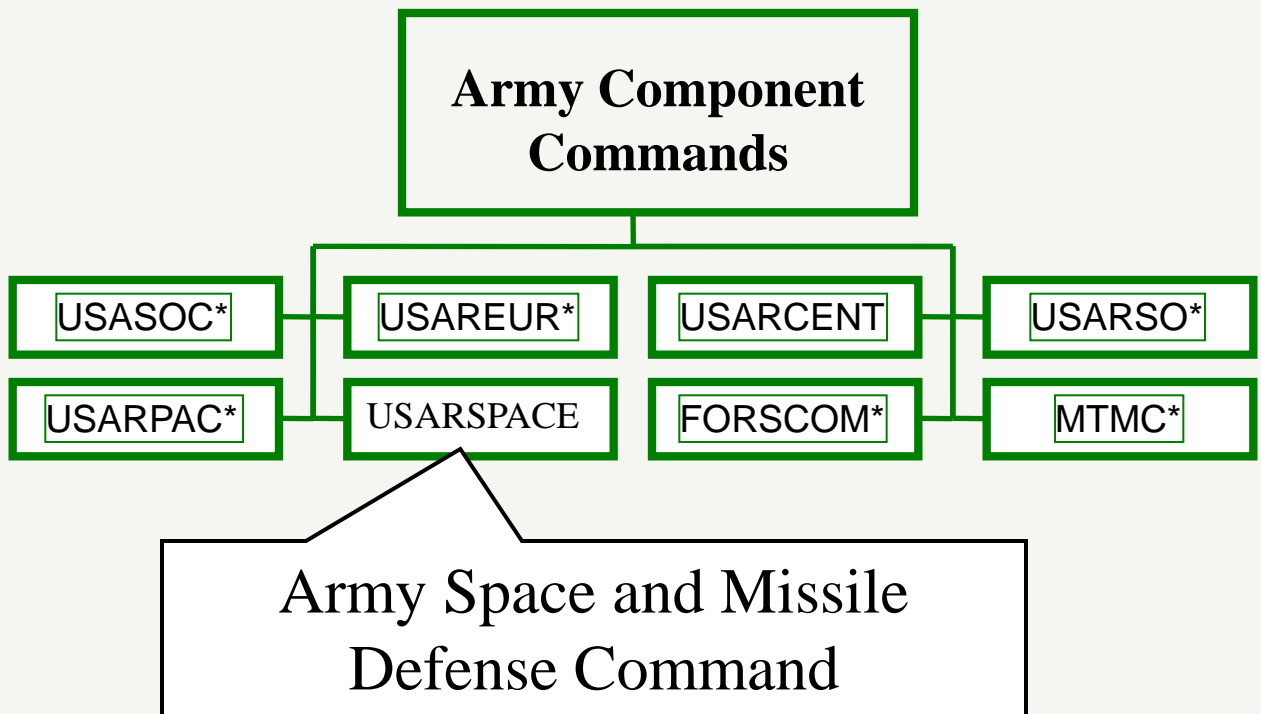
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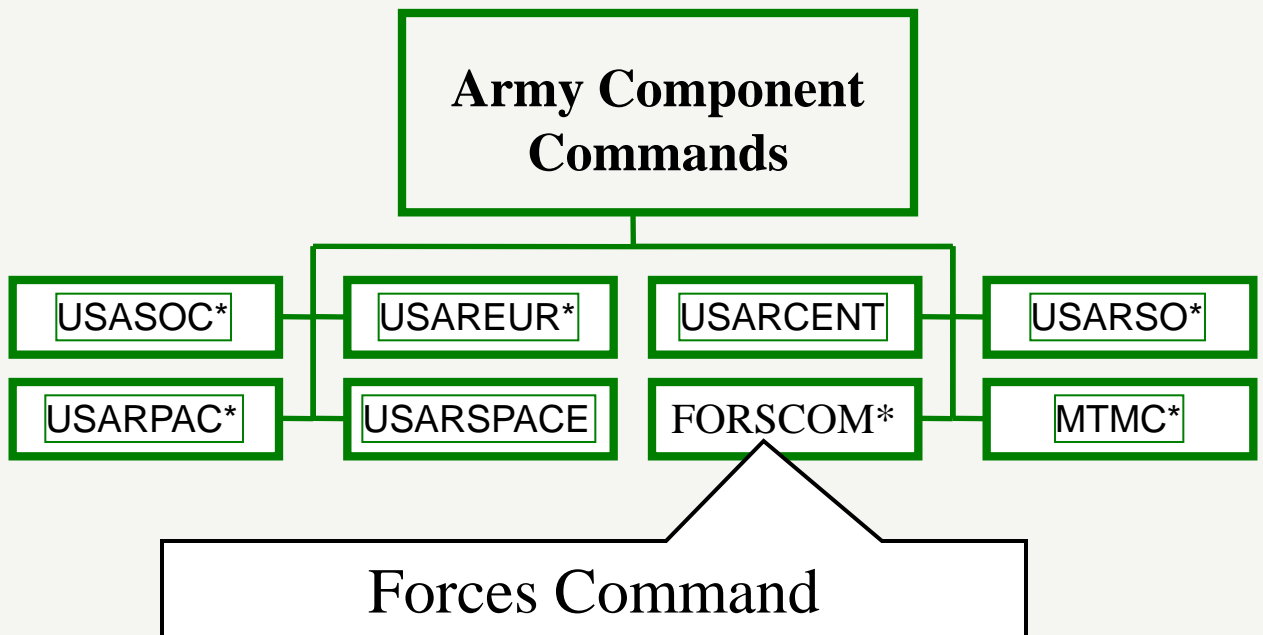
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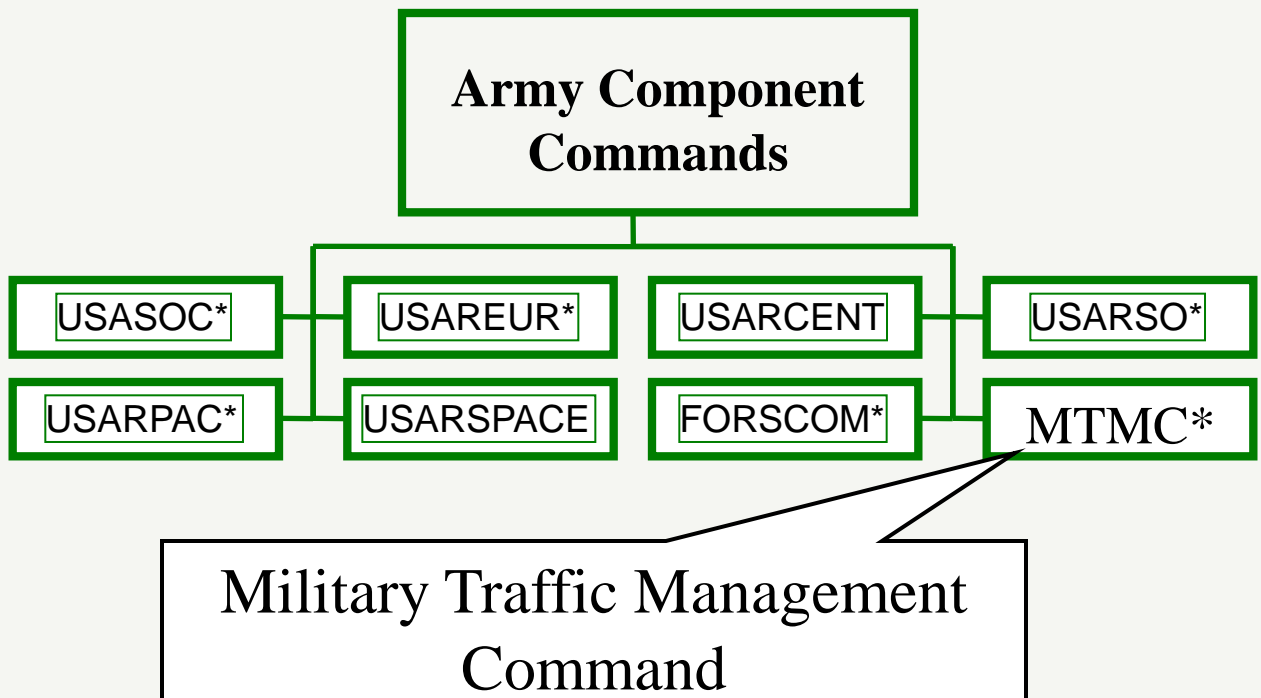
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