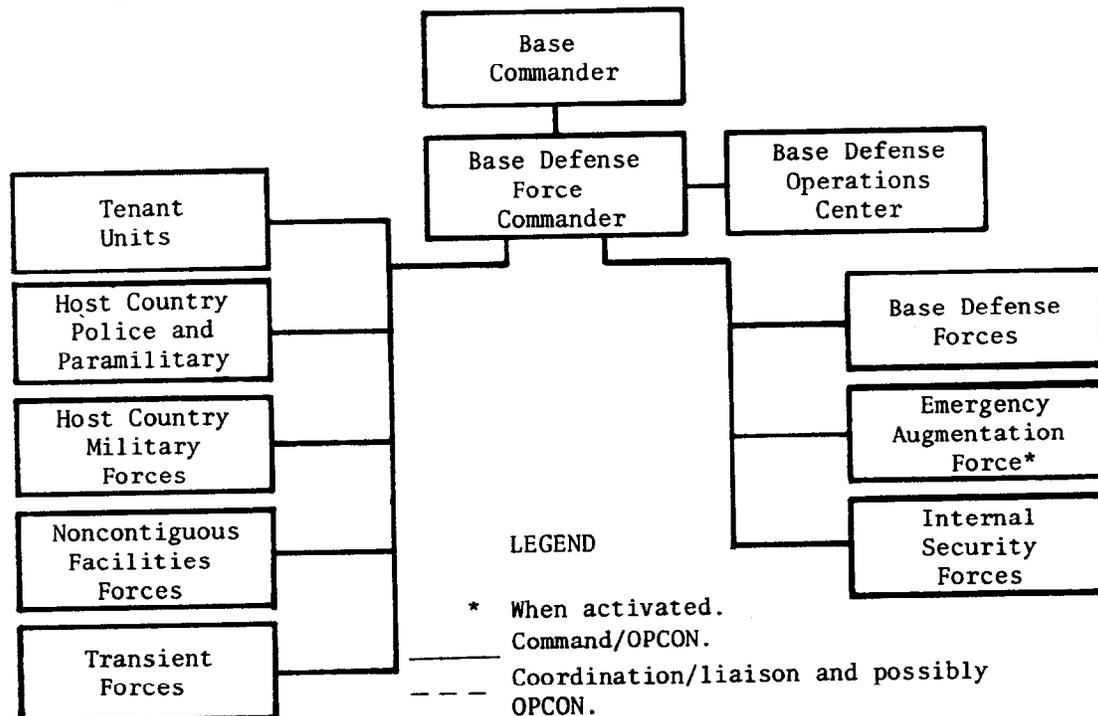


- Training his forces for base defense.
- Providing appropriate facilities and essential personnel for the base defense operations center and appropriate personnel for the base defense force staff.
- Providing for internal security of his own command.

BASE COMMANDER. The mission of the base commander is to exercise command, control, and administration of the base and also to exercise necessary control of resident and transient units not a part of the base command.

■ A base commander may also be the area commander. At the same time, he may also be the component Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force commander; or he may be designated separately.

■ The base commander's responsibilities include establishing the overall defense organization as well as planning, preparing, and executing all defense measures. Figure 10-1 depicts a type organization for base defense. If the base mounts or supports operations of two or more services that occupy and operate separate nonadjoining facilities within the base area, the base commander, as base defense coordinating authority, plans and directs the employment of these forces in base defense roles. To assist him in executing base defense functions, the base commander normally appoints a base defense force commander.



NOTE: When the base is under attack, the BDF commander will normally assume OPCON of all individuals and forces engaged by unit's equipment and personnel to his OPCON.

Figure 10-1. Type organization or base defense.