



#### Department of the Air Force

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# Standing up the U.S. Space Force and Legal Issues in Space

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# Al-Asad Ballistic Missile Attack



"U.S. early warning systems detected the incoming ballistic missiles well in advance, providing U.S. & coalition forces adequate time to take appropriate force protection measures."



#### F-15E, F-16, & F-22 Aircraft





F-15E Strike Eagle



F-16 Fighting Falcon



F-22 Raptor



## F-35 Lightning II & Chinese J-20





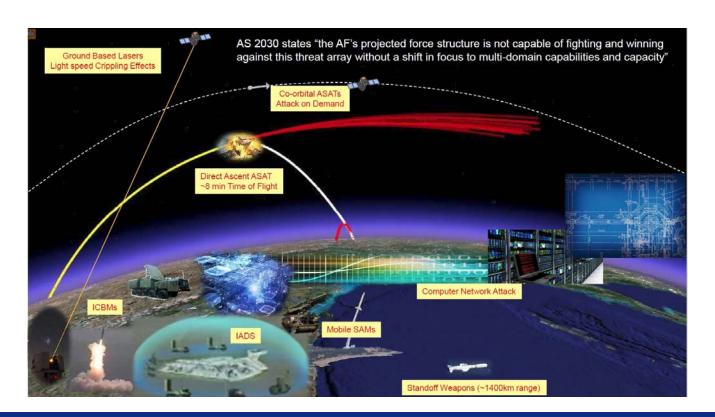




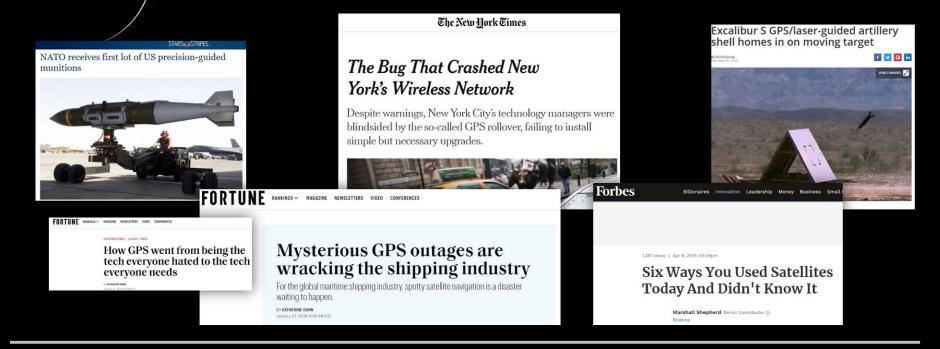


#### **Multi-Domain Operations**

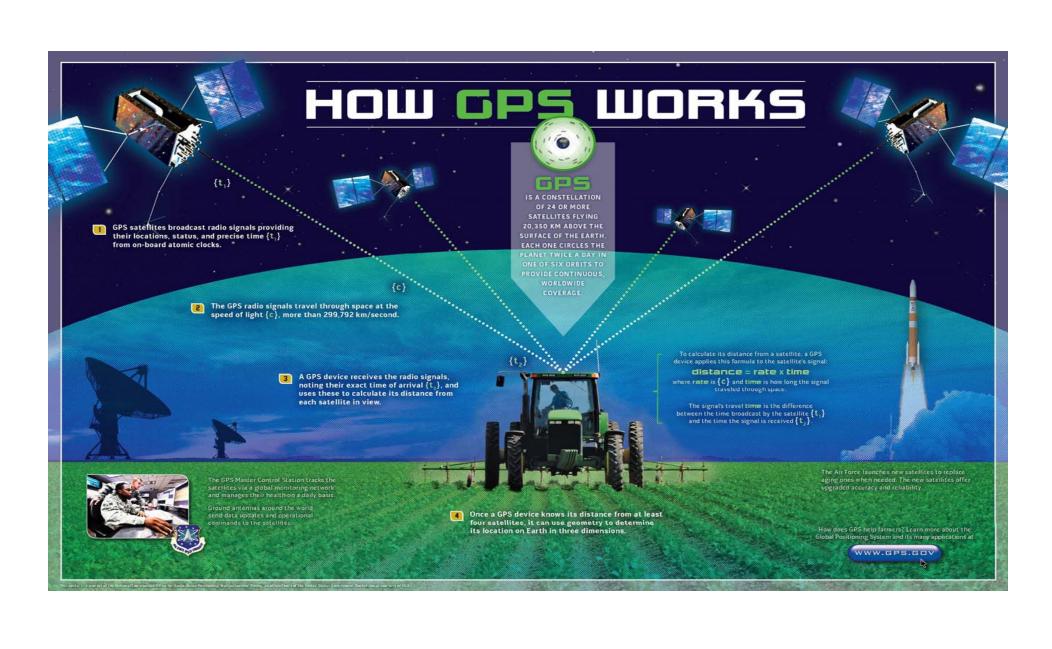




#### GPS

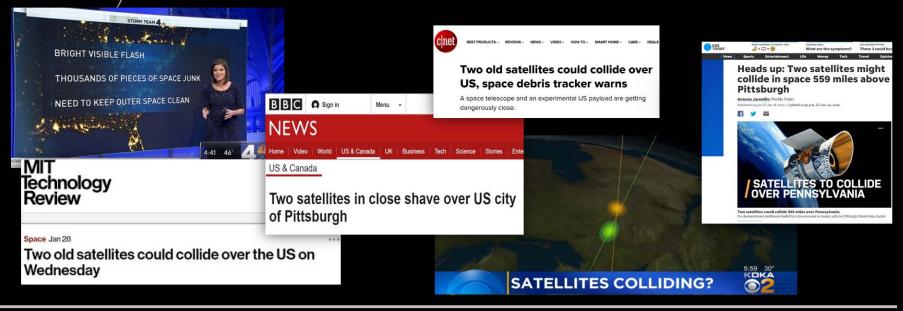


...GPS is the basis for all kinds of technologies. It powers our Joint Forces, financial transactions, cell phone calls & emergency medical services...





# Space Domain Awareness



USSF actively tracks more than 26,000 objects on orbit, to protect more than 2,400 active satellites, & actively coordinates with critical interagency & coalition partners, including NASA, to support space flight safety



### ASAT Weapons



Russia's MiG-31 Might Have a New **Mission: Kill American Satellites** 



#### SPACENEWS

U.S. intelligence: Russia and China will have 'operational' anti-satellite weapons in a few years

by Sandra Erwin - February 14, 2018

The New Hork Times

China Tests Anti-Satellite Weapon, Unnerving U.S.

By William J. Broad and David E. Sanger

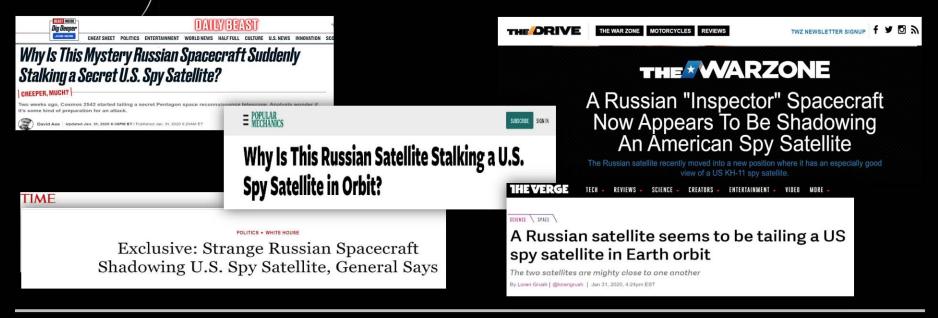
Jan. 18, 2007



"We do not seek a conflict in space. However, we must maintain a position of strength and develop a credible warfighting capability in order to deter conflict and maintain a full range of options to ensure our national security." - General John "Jay" Raymond, CSO, 4 Mar 20



### Cosmos 2542



"It's clear that Russia is developing on-orbit capabilities that seek to exploit our reliance on space-based systems that fuel our American way of life."

— General John W. "Jay" Raymond, CSO, 10 Feb 2020



# The Constitution of the United States of America

Article I, Section § 8. The Congress shall have Power...

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia...



## A Military Service for a New Domain

- Synchronize & Integrate DOTMLPF-P
  - Doctrine: the way we fight
  - Organization: how we organize to fight (i.e., divisions, air wings)
  - Training: how we prepare to fight tactically
  - ➤ Materiel: all the "stuff" necessary to equip the forces
  - Leadership and education: how we prepare leaders
  - > Personnel: availability of qualified people for operations
  - Facilities: real property (i.e., installations and industrial facilities
  - > Policy: DoD, interagency, or international policy that impacts the other seven non-material elements.
- Develop capabilities & personnel
- Domain specific expertise & culture
- Proponent/advocate for space power



#### Service Models

- USSOCOM Model: A COCOM with service-like authority
  - ➤ Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD SO/LIC)
- Professional Corps Model (i.e., JAG Corps, Medical Corps)
- USMC Model (with variants)
- Coast Guard Model
- Department Model
- Complicating Factors
  - Reserve/Guard Components
  - Service Space systems personnel
  - NRO and DOD space systems personnel
  - Other government agencies
  - Other roles & missions

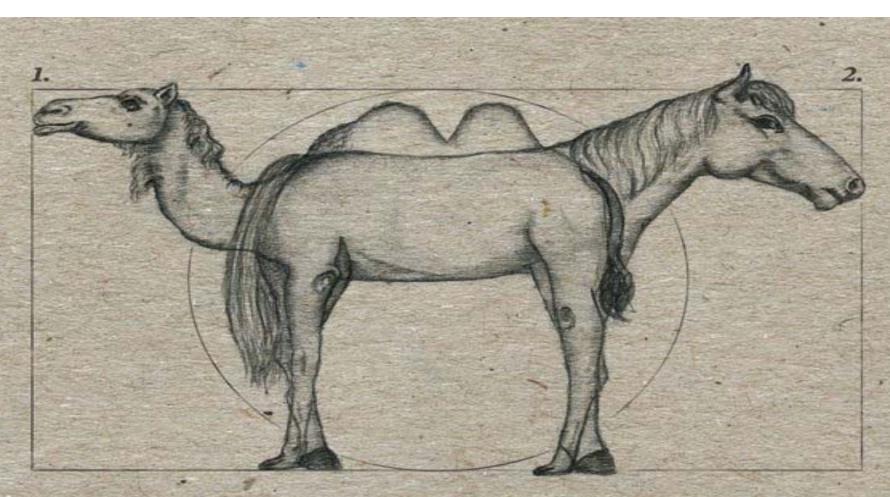




#### What We Proposed: Marine Corps Model Variant

- **Created Service** 
  - Uniform/Civilian/Reserve/Guard
- Created Chief of Space Operations (CSO) and Space
- CSO member of Joint Chiefs of Staff
- **Under Secretary for Space**
- Transfer Authorities for AF/Army/Navy
- Civilian Personnel Authorities

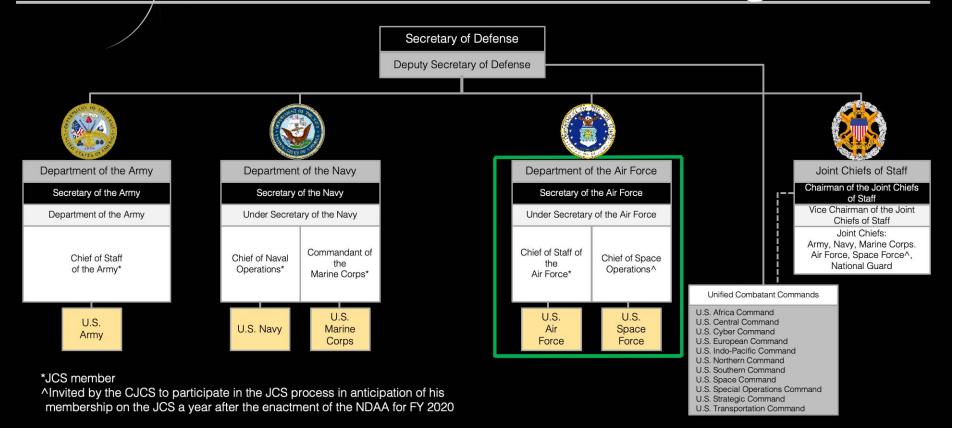




A Camel (1.) is a Horse (2.) designed by a Committee



### <u>Alignment</u>



#### What Congress Gave Us

- Created Service
  - Uniform/Civilian/Reserve/Guard
- Created Chief of Space Operations (CSO) and Space Staff
- CSO member of Joint Chiefs of Staff
- ➤ Under Secretary for Space

DOD: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy

AF: SAF/SP Assistant Secretary for Space Acquisition and Integration

- Transfer Authorities for AF/Army/Navy No impact on installations
- Civilian Personnel Authorities Space Acquisition Counsel

#### **Functions and Duties**

- > 2020 NDAA, § 952
- (a) Redesignation.--The Air Force Space Command is hereby redesignated as the United States Space Force (USSF).
- (b) (4), amending § 9081 "The United States Space Force"
  - (c) Functions.--The Space Force shall be organized, trained, and equipped to provide--
    - (1) freedom of operation for the United States in, from, and to space; and
    - (2) prompt and sustained space operations.
  - (d) **Duties**.--It shall be the duty of the Space Force to--
    - (1) protect the interests of the United States in space;
    - (2) deter aggression in, from, and to space; and
    - (3) conduct space operations.

#### What's Next

- > Technical and conforming amendments
- ➤ AcqDemo for Civilians
- Transfer authorities for AF/Army/Navy
- Transfer authorities for Defense Agencies
- Guard and Reserve
- > Streamline Acquisition Authorities



