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AIR FORCE ADVOCACY

SPACE FORCE

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On June 18, 2018, President Donald Trump -- in a meeting with the National Space Council -- directed the Department of Defense and the Pentagon to establish a Space Force as the sixth branch of the Armed Forces.



A conceptual design for a United States Space Force emblem.

“We are going to have the Air Force and we’re going to have the Space Force, separate but equal. It is going to be something so important...” But according to several sources, the President can’t do it without Congress’s support — both to create the organization and to fund it.

The National Space Council subsequently served up six recommendations to President Donald Trump to enable the creation of a Space Force, moving the birth of a sixth military branch one step closer to fruition.

The Air Force Association position and rationale on the proposed actions regarding a new organization and the associated proposals for DOD space operations were:

- The question of standing up a new armed service for space is not “if,” but “when,” and the “when” is the time all the conditions for creating a separate armed force for space are met.
- The standup of a combatant command (US Space Command) to focus on warfare in space is appropriate. Rapidly reducing US space capability gaps, while re-establishing US Space Command, is the best way to address advancing threats to space.
- From an employment perspective effects from air and space have been integrated and are indivisible. The US Air Force may want to reflect this reality so it is better understood by Americans by considering renaming the US Air Force to the US Aerospace Force
- The Space Force proposal is a resource question writ large: Too much mission, too few dollars. Standing up a separate space bureaucracy amplifies the problem by driving more money to a headquarters function, not space operations. Congress, not the Air Force, has constrained space capabilities by underfunding the service.
- Currently there are no space armaments, a fundamental requirement for setting up an armed service. Constraints to fully-weaponized space capability must be debated and changed by Congress to allow the Air Force to mature space warfare theory and concepts of operation for war in, from, and through space—these are prerequisites for establishing a new Armed Service. Realistic

concepts of operation to hold an enemy at risk from space must be considered and debated before establishing a separate space armed force.

Then in December, it was announced that the new United States Space Force will be established as an armed force within the Department of the Air Force. The service will be overseen by the newly-created Undersecretary of the Air Force for the Space Force and a Space Force Chief of Staff, who will sit on the Joint Chiefs, according to a draft of the fiscal year 2020 budget. Additionally, the President officially approved the creation of US Space Command, which marks the Department of Defense's 11th combatant command. (See Unified Command Structure, p.4)

The command's priorities will be to integrate space planning and operations across the military, align operational forces to the commander responsible for joint space warfighting, develop tactics, establish space standards for all military forces, and use best commercial practices.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

As announced at the annual convention, there is a new AFA scholarship available -- the **John C. and Blanche Lee Lindsay Scholarship**. This program was made possible by a bequest from **Mrs. Elizabeth L. Lindsay, widow of Lieutenant Colonel John Lindsay**, a career Air Force officer stationed at Craig AFB in Selma, Alabama. The scholarship is in memory of their children **John C. and Blanche Lee Lindsay** who passed away before Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lindsay.

The scholarship was established for children of (officer or enlisted) Active Duty, veteran, or retired service members; reservists; or National Guard members of the United States Air Force pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university. Priority is given to applicants: 1) with at least one parent who is an AFA member; and 2) who are enrolled in an accredited college to major in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) program. Applicants must provide a personal statement of purpose as to how the scholarship will assist in meeting their educational goals and the most current transcript of their educational attainment. A minimum of one scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded annually. Additional scholarships may be awarded if funds permit.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY TOPPLES WEST POINT IN SCHOOLS' FIRST CYBER COMPETITION

Air Force Academy cadets on Nov. 2 bested a West Point team at the Capture the Flag Cyber Competition, "the first head-to-head" clash of the service academies' cyber titans, at the US Military Academy.

During the competition—which Air Force Academy instructor Capt. **Justin Raynor** described as a "live, six-hour attack and defend-style event"—each 12-student team was tasked with attempting "to control and compromise the opposing team's computer system," according to a release. The coveted flags are



UNITED STATES SPACE COMMAND

The United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) was a Unified Combatant Command of the United States Department of Defense created in 1985 to help institutionalize the use of outer space by the United States Armed Forces. USSPACECOM merged into an expanded USSTRATCOM on June 26, 2002.

On August 13, 2018, President Trump signed into law, the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 which includes the re-establishment of the U.S. Space Command by the end of 2018. U.S. Space Command will be led by a four-star general or admiral, and will temporarily be a sub-unified combatant command under U.S. Strategic Command, until it can be separated as a full unified combatant command.

strings “of characters” that “demonstrate a competitor has successfully exploited a bug,” reported the Pointer View newspaper. The USAF team was awarded a trophy and a star for its achievement.

STELLARXPLORERS

StellarXplorers V is up and running. At the end of the registration period, 154 organizations and 213 teams had signed up for this year’s competition. They come from 35 states and two overseas sites.

Rank	Teams	Locations
1	39	California
2	20	Florida
3	19	Texas
4	12	Colorado, Illinois
6	11	Oklahoma
7	8	Arizona, Georgia
9	7	New Jersey, Tennessee
11	6	North & South Carolina
14	5	Alabama, Virginia
16	4	LA, WA, Guam
19	3	MD, MO, NH, PA
23	2	HI, IN, MA, MI, MS, Germany
29	1	AK, ID, MN, NM, NY, OH, OR, UT, WV

The 154 sponsors represent a wide diversity of organizations as shown below.

Type Organization	# Teams
Air Force JROTC	95
Public School	71
Civil Air Patrol	17
Navy JROTC	9
Magnet/Charter	8
Private/Parochial	6
DoDEA	2
Homeschool	2
Boy Scouts	1
Afterschool NFP	1
USMC JROTC	1

The 213 registered teams represent an 18% increase over last year, and 154 organizations are a 27% increase over CyberPatriot IV.



UNIFIED COMMAND STRUCTURE

A unified combatant command (UCC) is a United States Department of Defense organization that is composed of forces from at least two Military Departments and has a broad and continuing mission. These commands are established to provide effective command and control of U.S. military forces, regardless of branch of service, in peace and war. They are organized either on a geographical basis (known as "area of responsibility", AOR) or on a functional basis, such as special operations or transport.



The Defense Department currently has 10 unified combatant commands (COCOMs) – four functional and six geographic - each with a geographic or functional mission that provides command and control of military forces in peace and war. Space Command will become the eleventh.

Geographic COCOMs operate in clearly delineated areas of responsibility and have a regional military focus. They plan for operations in their AOR and if hostilities break out, they fight the battles. Functional COCOMs operate world-wide across geographic boundaries and provide unique capabilities to geographic COCOMs and the armed services.

GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS

AFRICOM: U.S. Africa Command, Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany

CENTCOM: U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida

EUCOM: U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany

INDOPACOM: U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii

NORTHCOM: U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

SOUTHCOM: U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Florida

FUNCTIONAL COMBATANT COMMANDS

SOCOM: U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida

TRANSCOM: U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

STRATCOM: U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

CYBERCOM: U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland

Combatant commands consist of a headquarters element without any military units permanently assigned to it. They typically operate with service linked Component Commands - one for each of the U.S. armed services required in their area of responsibility, and may have a joint special operations component and a number of subordinate joint task forces. In time of conflict, the Component Commands will be assigned to the Combatant Command.

The military departments do not fight the wars, the Combat Commanders do. The function of the military departments is to procure, organize, train and equip their military forces in preparation for operations under the command of a Unified Combatant Commander.

AFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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AFA Chapter Choice: Florida West Coast Chapter #429

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Arlington, VA 22209-9963

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call 1- (800) 727- 3337, option 3.
Mon-Fri 8:30am-5:00pm EST

AIR FORCE TRIVIA

Match these Army Air Force aircraft with their nickname.

Source: Wikipedia

Answers are on page 7.



A-20

Commando

A-26

Flying Fortress

B-17

Grasshopper

B-26

Havoc

C-46

Invader

C-47

Lightning

L-2

Marauder

L-5

Skytrain

P-38

Sentinel

P-47

Thunderbolt



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

CHAPTER JOB OPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP: The basic function is to recruit, retain and recognize chapter members and to maintain a current chapter roster.

AF ACADEMY LIAISON: A member who will organize our efforts to assist high school students to understand the procedures for applying for a position at the Air Force Academy.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: A member to serve as the chapter's liaison with our two local Representatives – **Vern Buchanan** and **Greg Steube**.

AIR FORCE SUPPORT

CYBER SENIORS

The Air Force Association's (AFA) CyberPatriot Program Office announced the release of CyberGenerations: The Senior Citizens' Cyber Safety Initiative, a new program designed to equip senior citizens with cybersecurity knowledge.

"As more seniors start using technology, they expose themselves to innumerable cyber threats. The purpose of CyberGenerations is to address those existing gaps in knowledge which can ultimately help eliminate the risks associated with using computers or mobile devices," said **Madhu Debnath**, AFA's Cyber Education Coordinator.

In 2018, CyberPatriot saw a need for equipping senior citizens with cybersecurity knowledge, as they are often the targets of cyberattacks and scams. The CyberGenerations initiative includes several modules designed to inform senior citizens about a variety of basic cybersecurity topics. Volunteer instructors may present the CyberGenerations material to large or small groups of senior citizens with materials provided by AFA. The CyberGenerations Self-Paced Guide expands on many of the topics discussed during the presentation. It includes topic overviews, tips and tricks for safeguarding against cyber threats, and channels for addressing cybersecurity issues or breaches.

Senior citizens, senior citizen groups, and others interested in learning more about CyberGenerations are invited to visit AFA's CyberPatriot website www.uscyberpatriot.org or to contact the CyberPatriot Program Office by email (info@uscyberpatriot.org) or by telephone at 877-885-5716.

VETERANS SERVICES



Both Sarasota and Manatee Counties have a Veterans' Service Office dedicated to ensuring veterans and their families receive all federal and state benefits that are available to them.

Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) at each location provide effective, knowledgeable and dedicated representation **AT NO COST** to the veteran or the family.

The VSOs are trained and accredited by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

and other national service organizations to represent claimants in the benefits process. They are extremely well versed in all applicable federal and state laws in order to provide veterans and claimants with the best representation.

They are not VA employees. They work for their respective County and for the veterans, their surviving spouses and eligible family members to help access the benefits the veteran has earned. That's their #1 priority. There are no costs -- no consultation fee, no fee for service, no percentage of your benefits received... **IT IS ALL FREE!**

The Veterans Services Offices should be the first stop for veterans to receive a complete explanation of the benefits they have earned. Here's how you can contact them.

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For Manatee County:

Website

https://mymanatee.org/departments/neighborhood_services/veterans_services/contact_us

E-mail: vets@mymanatee.org Phone: (941) 749-3030

For Sarasota County:

Website

: <https://www.scgov.net/government/human-services/veterans-services>

E-mail: veterans@scgov.net. Phone: 941-861-VETS (8387)

COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Each year AFA chapters are required to contact their members to determine how the members wish to receive the chapter newsletter — electronically (e-mail) or by regular mail. In that process we also try to update the contact information we have for our members. Here are your newsletter options:

1. If you currently receive the newsletter by e-mail and are happy with that arrangement, you do not need to do a thing.
2. If you have e-mail capability but also want a paper copy, you will need to send an e-mail to mjallen7@comcast.net specifying your paper copy request. We ask you send the chapter a \$5 check to cover the extra costs associated with printing and mailing the additional copies. Send your check to **Treasurer Chet Harriman** at 5260 Hyland Hills Avenue, Unit 1612, Sarasota, Florida 34241.
3. If you do not have an e-mail capability and need to receive the newsletter via the regular mail, complete the form below and mail it to **M.J. Allen** at 4725 Brae Burn Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34234.

In any case, if you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address during the past year, please send an e-mail with the updated information to mjallen7@comcast.net or send the completed form via mail to M.J. Allen at 4725 Brae Burn Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34234. Here is the contact info we are looking for:

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City _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone # : _____ Cell # _____

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I wish to receive the chapter newsletter: (___) by e-mail or (___) via postal mail.

AIR FORCE TRIVIA ANSWERS

A-20 Havoc; A-26 Invader; B-17 Flying Fortress; B-26 Marauder; C-46 Commando; C-47 Skytrain;
L-2 Grasshopper; L-5 Sentinel; P-38 Lightning; P-47 Thunderbolt



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AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION MISSION

The Air Force Association mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense, and to honor Airmen and our Air Force Heritage. To accomplish this, we:

- EDUCATE the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security.
- ADVOCATE for aerospace power and STEM education.
- SUPPORT the total Air Force family, and promote aerospace education.



The Florida West Coast Chapter of the Air Force Association is incorporated in the State of Florida as a qualified 501(C)(3) charitable organization. Our Registration Number is CH48270.

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