



# UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

## Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why do we need a Space Force?

We use space to keep our country safe, protect lives, and maintain our way of life. Space has become essential to our security and prosperity—so much so that we need a branch of our military dedicated to its defense.

### 2. What will the Space Force do?

If enacted by Congress, the United States Space Force (USSF) will be a Military Service that develops space forces in order to protect U.S. and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities that enable our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines. Space Force responsibilities would include developing military space professionals, acquiring military space systems, maturing the military doctrine for space power, and conducting space operations as part of our Nation's warfighting team.

### 3. Doesn't the Air Force already do this?

The Air Force, and our other Military Services, currently provide the best space capabilities in the world. However, the world is changing, and the United States is at risk of losing its comparative advantages. The Department of Defense must reform its military space forces to be prepared to deter and, if necessary, defeat space threats to U.S. interests.

### 4. What changes are happening in space?

Foreign competitors and potential adversaries have seen the advantages that space brings to our Nation, and they have embarked on major efforts to develop capabilities to attack U.S. and allied space capabilities in crisis or conflict. Separately, new commercial investments and new technology are opening opportunities for new space systems and services that will benefit all. U.S. military, civilian, and commercial interests in space are expanding.

### 5. Who will lead the Space Force?

If authorized by Congress, the Space Force would be established under the Department of the Air Force. The Secretary of the Air Force would have overall responsibility for the Space Force. Additionally, a new Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space would provide dedicated civilian supervision of the Space Force. A new four-star general Chief of Staff of the Space Force would be an equal member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to advocate for space power.

### 6. When will the Space Force be established?

If authorized by Congress, the Space Force headquarters will be established in Fiscal Year 2020. From 2021-2024, appropriate space missions and personnel would be transferred to the Space Force from the existing Military Services, and new support elements, such as education, training, doctrine, and personnel centers, would be established.

### 7. How many people will work in the Space Force?

Approximately 15,000 military and civilian space personnel would transfer into the Space Force from the existing Military Services. The Space Force will create career paths for military and civilian space personnel in areas such as operations, intelligence, engineering, science, acquisition, and cyber.

### 8. How much will the Space Force cost?

Establishing an initial Space Force headquarters in Fiscal Year 2020 will require \$72 million, or 0.01% of this year's DoD budget. Once fully established, the Space Force would require approximately \$500 million more per year than what is currently spent on space. That's about 0.07% of the annual Defense budget.

### 9. Where will the Space Force headquarters be located?

The Space Force will be headquartered in the Pentagon like Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

### 10. How can I join the Space Force?

Thank you for your interest! The Department must first receive authorization from Congress to establish a new Armed Force. Congress is currently evaluating the Department of Defense proposal. Until a Space Force is established, please contact a recruiter from the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marines to learn how you can serve our Nation.

