



## Army Space – An Operational Perspective

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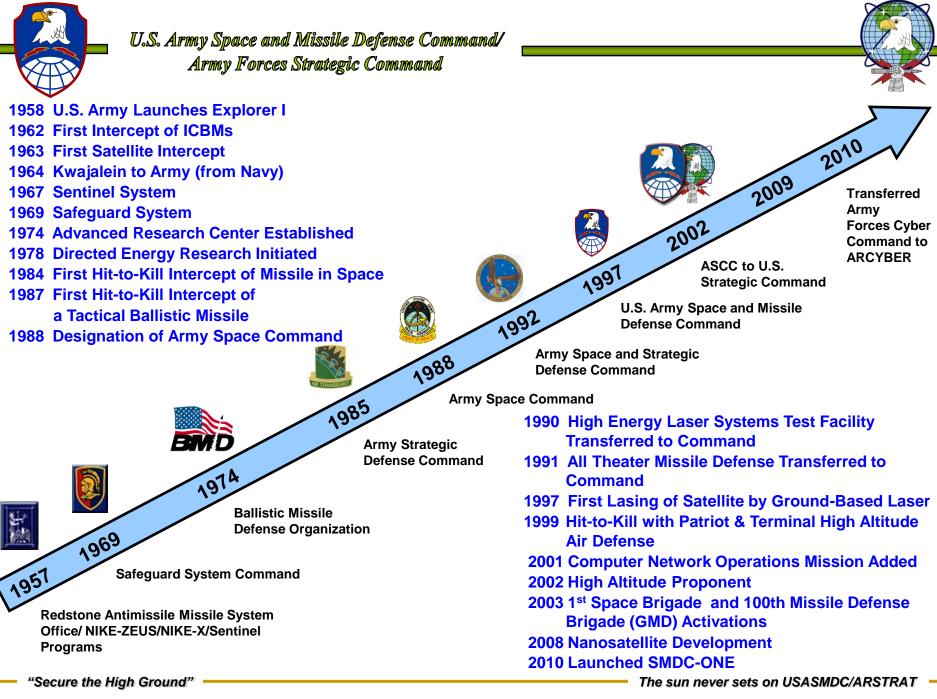
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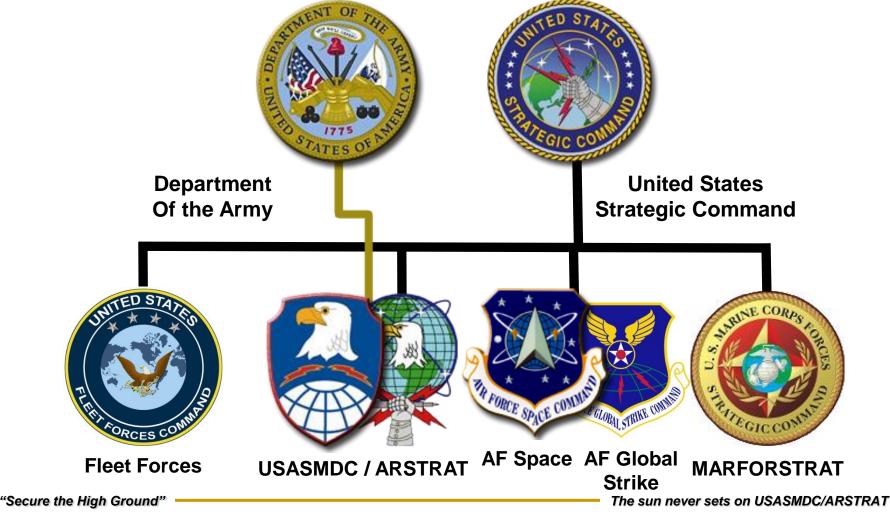
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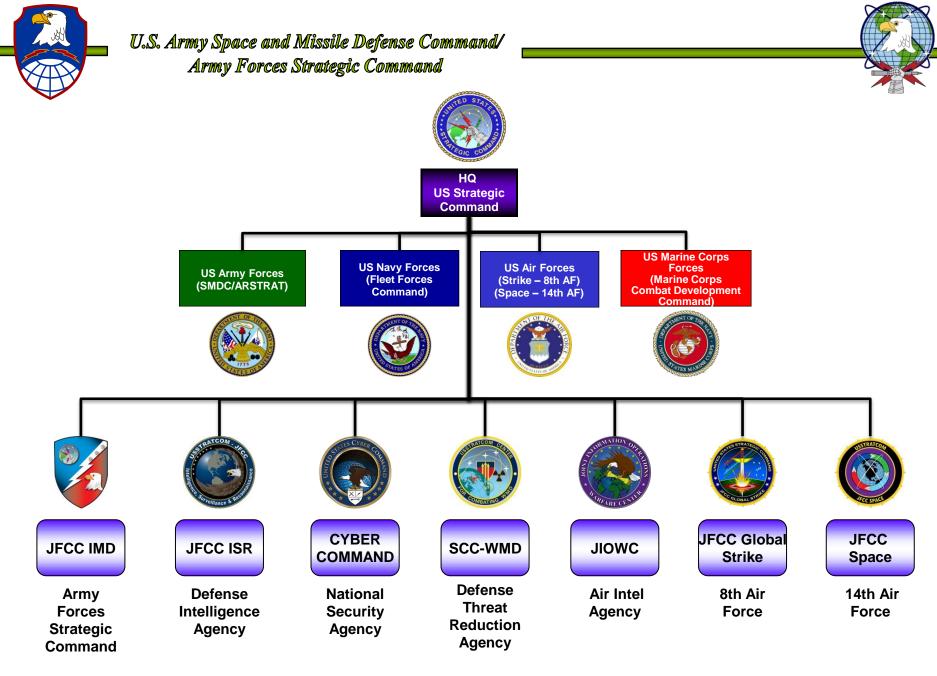






## Our Reporting Chain (Army and Combatant Command)





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#### **Mission**

USASMDC/ARSTRAT conducts space and missile defense operations and provides planning, integration, control and coordination of Army forces and capabilities in support of U.S. Strategic Command missions; serves as the Army force modernization proponent for space, high altitude and global missile defense; serves as the Army operational integrator for global missile defense; and conducts mission-related research and development in support of Army Title 10 responsibilities.

#### USASMDC/ARSTRAT Mission Essential Task List (METL)

- Provide National Strategic Intelligence
- Manage Global Integrated Missile Defense Capabilities
- Provide Space Capabilities
- Provide Global C4 Services
- Coordinate Strategic Information Operations
- Conduct Force Development

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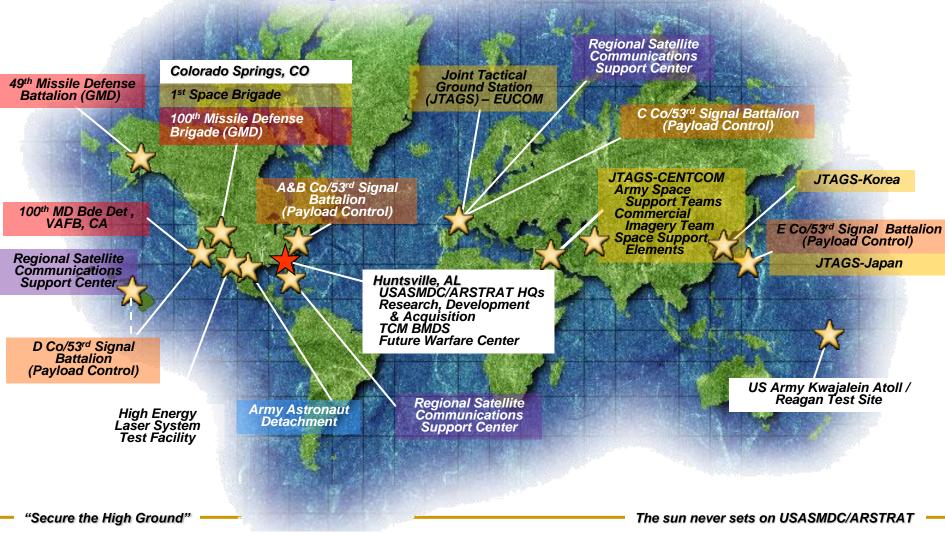
## **USASMDC/ARSTRAT Core Tasks**

The Army's force modernization proponent for Space, High Altitude, and Global Missile Defense; the Army's operational integrator for Global Missile Defense:

- Provide trained and ready space and missile defense forces and capabilities to the COCOMs and to the Warfighter
- Build future Space and Missile Defense forces
- Research, test, and integrate Space, Missile Defense, directed energy, and related technologies



# USASMDC / ARSTRAT A Global Command









# Warfighting Concepts

- Mission command
- Movement and maneuver
- Intelligence
- Protection
- Fires
- Sustainment









## **Space Strategy**

Our space strategy rests on three essential tenets:

- Enable the Army's enduring mission by providing space-enabled capabilities to support of current operations and support future transformation efforts
- Leverage existing DOD, national, commercial and international space-based capabilities
- Pursue cross-domain solutions to create a resilient architecture to mitigate threats, vulnerabilities and assure access to critical capabilities needed to sustain land force operations

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## **Army Space Usage**

#### The Army is reliant on space-based systems

- GPS
- Communication satellites
- Weather satellites
- Intelligence collection platforms

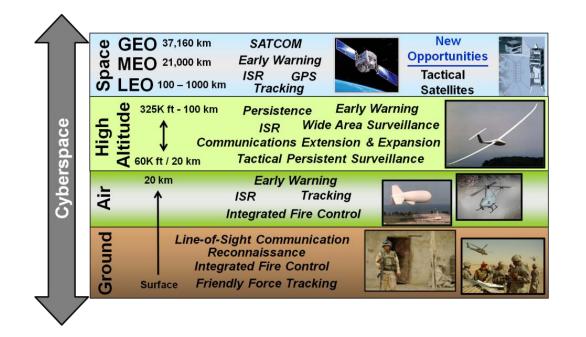








#### **Multidomain Solutions**

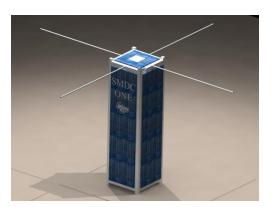






### **Operationally Responsive Space**

- Nanosatellites
  - SMDC-ONE
  - Kestrel Eye
- Multipurpose NanoMissile System







**Kestrel Eye** 

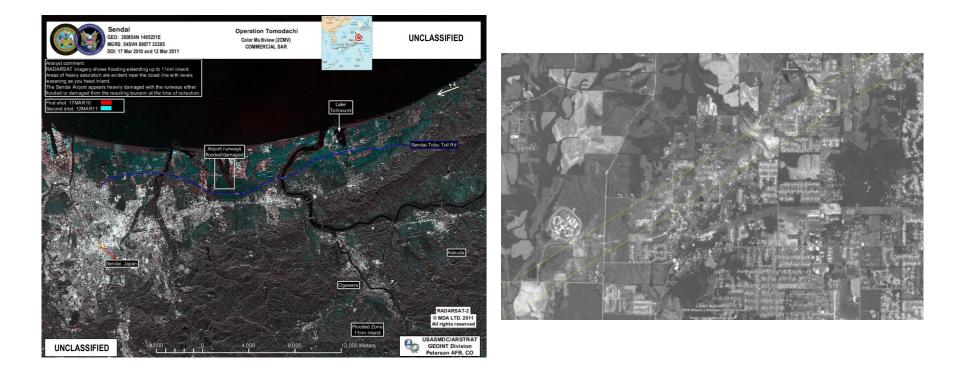


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## Japan – Libya – Alabama







#### **Deployments**

- Army Space Support Teams
- Commercial Imagery Teams
- Space Coordination Elements
- Alerts for North Korean and Chinese Missile Events



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### **Joint Exercises**

**Participation includes:** 

- Space-based communications
- Intelligence
- Ballistic missile early warning

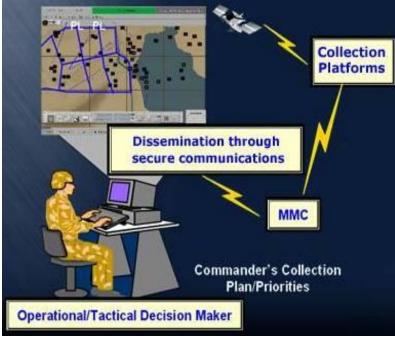




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#### Operational Concept

- Executes the JFFT mission on behalf of USSTRATCOM
- JFFT support using national technical means and other DOD and commercial architectures

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Provide continuous JFFT support to combatant commanders, other government agencies, and coalition users to enable situational awareness, C2, and fratricide prevention via a Common Operational Picture (COP)



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# **COL Coffin's Perspective**

- Importance of getting it right for forward COCOM
- Having correct policies and authorities
- Don't leave sanctuary for adversaries
- Near real-time capabilities
  - Understand battlefield
  - $\circ$  Rapid decisions, including approval
  - **o** Shape and influence battlefield





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