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CORONAVIRIS (COVID-19) SHUTS DOWN 2020 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

President's Corner

The New Year 2020 for the Southwest Virginia Chapter of MOAA and the Smith Mountain Lake satellite started out with the election of a new slate of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors. Chapter meetings and programs were scheduled for the first five months of the year. Plans and correspondence were initiated for upcoming events for the Chapter MOAA JROTC, ROTC, Chapter Leadership Awards, and the Major James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Awards to be presented during the April and May time frame to Cadets/Midshipmen at 15 high schools, three Air Force CAP units and Cadets/Midshipmen at Virginia Tech and Radford University.

Regular chapter community activities were also in the planning stages. Notices were promulgated to the membership to assemble a team to help make critical home repairs for Roanoke Valley homeowner for the 25 April Roanoke Community Renovation Day project. Notices were sent out about participation in a Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia, Brain Injury Awareness reception and program on 31 March 2020 at the Grandin Co-Lab celebrating 20 years of service to Southwest Virginia.

Plans were being prepared for the dedication of the granite Memorial Bench at the Veterans Cemetery at Dublin in honor of LTC Pat Green sometime in the late spring, early summer months. A Military Night at the Roanoke Rail Yard Dogs hockey game was scheduled for 21 March by the AUSA Stonewall Chapter to honor veterans. A Wreath-Laying Ceremony was scheduled to Honor Vietnam Veterans on 28 March at Lee Plaza in Roanoke sponsored by the local chapters of the AUSA and the Vietnam Veterans of America. Monthly volunteer requests were promulgated to assist at the Military Family Support Center food pantry days. On Thursday 16 January 2020 the Chapter held a membership meeting and lunch with a program by Dr. Peter F. Coogan Associate Professor of History, Hollins University. Dr. Coogan provided a most interesting and thought provoking presentation on Vietnam and the role played by the political and military leadership and their role in the Americanization of the war.

On Thursday 19 February 2020 the Chapter held a membership meeting and lunch with a program presented by Mr. Gary Crawford. Mr. Gary Crawford presented a program "Come Retribution", the captivating story of a clandestine code-named operation of the Confederate Secret Service to first pursue victory in the civil war, and then seek vengeance in defeat.

The Smith Mountain Lake satellite also held membership meetings at the beginning of the year. A dinner meeting was held on 17 January 2020 with a program on the "Flying Tigers" presented by Professor Frank Stritter. On 11 February a membership lunch meeting was held with a program on "German Prisoners of War Held in Virginia" presented by John Long, Director of Education D-Day Memorial. On 10 March 2020 they held membership lunch meeting with a program presented on the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" by Clifton R "Buck" Krantz.

Then came the Coronavirus COVID 19 outbreak and everything was shut down in an effort to stop the spread of this deadly virus. Guidelines were promulgated to all citizens to keep social contact distances, observe frequent hand washing, use hand sanitizer and stay at home. The Southwest Virginia chapter cancelled all future meetings and events until further notice. But the chapter did not stop the chapter awards program. Under the able direction of the Chapter Awards Chair

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Coronavirus. No need to cite the statistics here. By the time this newsletter goes to press, the numbers

will likely, tragically, have increased. If we are truly fortunate, perhaps the curve will have flattened or even be on a downward turn. I expect all of you are tracking the data on a daily basis, not only for our immediate area, but also for our state and the rest of the country. There is reason to be optimistic, thanks to rigid attention to staying home and taking all possible measures to remain healthy. But the doctors and scientists counsel us to proceed with caution, fearing a return of higher numbers of Covid-19 infections. Early on in this pandemic, on March 12, our chapter suspended activities involving group gatherings. On March 18, MOAA National HQ followed suit. Both our chapter and National continue to conduct business online, as much as possible. Most state governments have limited all non-essential activities. So, what are our chapter's members missing? For starters, the camaraderie of our monthly gatherings. Our regular venues, Hidden Valley Country Club and the Shenandoah Club, have closed indefinitely, pending the beginning of a return to nor-

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"COVID 19 SHUTS DOWN ACTIVITIES" *Cont'd from Pg 1*

LTC Robert Habermann, USA (Ret), letters/e-mails were sent to the 15 high schools and the university at Virginia Tech and Radford requesting award nominations and informing them that the chapter awards would be provided to their award nominees by mail as directed by the schools. Because of COVID 19, chapter members will not be able to attend awards ceremony this year. Nominations were received and awards forwarded to the following schools:

Bassett High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet 2LT Jamie Brittingham.

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient – Cadet Aubrey Davis

Carroll County High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient: Cadet First Lieutenant Haley R. Caviness

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient - Cadet LTC Meagen L. Johnson

Chatham High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet Staff Sergeant Armando Garcia.

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient - Cadet LTC Nathan Reynolds.

Dan River High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet Lieutenant Victoria Barker

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient – Cadet Captain Julyanna Bressette

Franklin County High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet Captain William Shelton

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient - Cadet Major Daniel Langhorne

George Washington High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet PO1 Jamelia Canada

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient - Cadet LT Dymonique Williams

Gretna High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet Sergeant Joseph A. Gabel

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient - Cadet Major Angel Ward

Magna Vista High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet Jose A. Alvarado-Angeles

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient – Cadet Matthew L. J. Powel

Patrick Henry High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet 1Lt Jasmine M. Broughman

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient – Cadet COL Wilton E. Kitt

Tunstall High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient – Cadet Captain Mikhaile Broadas

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient – Cadet LTC Logan Hutchinson

Danville Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) – Sponsored by Tunstall High School. The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient - Cadet CMS Grace Hopper.

William Fleming High School

MOAA JROTC Medal Award recipient - Cadet MSgt Shajuan Rivers

The MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award recipient - Cadet Major Kobe Chanthavixay

Virginia Tech

MOAA ROTC Medal Award recipients:

Army ROTC - Junior Cadet Luke Specht

Navy ROTC - Junior Cadet Thomas Lurette

Air Force ROTC - Junior Cadet Mame Ngom



Cadet Major Kobe Chanthavixay William Fleming HS, receiving the MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award from Ms. Gwendolyn Basham.



The Marine Corps' Commandant Wants to Demolish Decades of Thinking About the Corps' Function

The Washington Post, Opinion by George F. Will 8 April 2020

Whatever the origins of the World War I Army captain's animus against the Marine Corps, his hostility was unimportant until he became commander in chief. Then Harry Truman wanted to abolish the corps, which he dismissed as "the Navy's police force." This was a few years after Marines, operating with the Navy, had distinguished themselves in World War II's Pacific theater, from Guadalcanal to Okinawa. And shortly before Marines landed at Inchon in September 1950, reversing the tide of the Korean War.

Feb. 23 was the 75th anniversary of World War II's most famous photograph, of Marines planting the Stars and Stripes on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi. It is, in a sense, a picture of the corps' future, as the current commandant envisions it.

When nature designed David H. Berger, it had a Marine in mind. From his shaved head to his shined shoes, he looks like the business end of a battering ram, which he is: The Marines' 38th commandant aims to demolish decades of thinking about the corps' function. He wants it configured not for lengthy ground wars (Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan) but for forward-deployed capabilities in the Pacific region in support of the fleet. This, an echo of the corps' island-hopping against Japan's forces, revives the "Fleet Marine Force" idea that was adopted in 1933, after the corps abandoned its naval roots and went to war in France. Berger's vision implies fewer land-based operations with aircraft delivering Marines to distant missions.

For the past 30 years — since the end of the Cold War — the corps has, he says, been measured against itself, not against a peer competitor. Now, however, in planning for "the next fight," he has an increasingly maritime nation, China, on his mind. He wants "our highest quality" Marines mentored "for duty in the Pacific." Welcome to Okinawa, lieutenants. Given what he delicately calls a "challenging fiscal environment" — trillion-dollar deficits — the corps might need to be smaller, "to trade size for quality," and divest some legacy components, including some infantry, aviation and even armor.

He insists that nothing will change about "every Marine being a rifleman," and "the most important thing about being a Marine is being a Marine." But given China's anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) missiles and other capabilities, Berger says: "Our adversaries have initiated a new paradigm, based on long-range precision weapons and information-related capabilities." This new era of "high-volume, extended-range missile warfare" overturns "the primary assumptions on which the legacy U.S. joint force has been built — presumptive sea and air control and assured access."

Therefore, Berger says, "visions of a massed naval armada nine nautical miles off-shore in the South China Sea preparing to launch the landing force . . . are impractical and unreasonable." So, the corps needs to rethink the execution of its amphibious role. And when conducting land operations to support the Navy, Marines must be able to operate *within* the enemy's A2/AD zone. Rather than be captive to a stand-off role, he says, "We must evolve into the nation's 'stand-in' force."

Capt. Austin Dahmer of the Marine Corps Reserve, writing in the Naval Institute's "Proceedings," says that for Marines ashore, "Gone will be the days of plasma screens, field mess tents, and overgrown antenna farms. An infantry battalion command post will need to be capable of operating with a small enough footprint to remain clandestine and still effectively command and control."

Berger's planning refutes the Marine who in the movie "A Few Good Men" says disdainfully to a Navy officer, "I like all you Navy boys. Every time we've gotta go someplace to fight, you fellas always give us a ride." The corps Berger envisions is not just a smaller stand-alone Army. Rather, it is dispersible, hence survivable, small and light units that can deliver force in conjunction with the Navy's power projection.

"The character of war," says Berger, "is increasingly dynamic." This actually suits the Marines' constant character. Whereas the Army has forts — Bragg, Leavenworth, etc. — the Marine Corps has camps (Lejeune, Pendleton), which implies a light, nimble force that can be "first to fight." After decades with the corps expending too much energy ashore, for tomorrow's Marines, like yesterday's, it is anchors aweigh.

If the corps sheds its capacities for major forcible entries from the sea, and for prolonged land operations, might it become a mere appendage of the Navy, presaging its end as an independent service? Seven decades ago — 70 years of Marine Corps evolution — Truman desired this, but he learned how durable the corps is because it is adaptable and the nation cherishes it.



JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2020

Below is a matrix regarding the outcomes of the Joint Leadership Council's legislative issues for 2020. In general, the COVID-19 crisis caused the Governor and General Assembly to prepare for a "flat budget" for 2020-2021 for the Commonwealth. Thereby, JLC issues that required funding were not funded. That said, JLC was successful on **3 of 6** issues put forward to the Governor and General Assembly. Particularly, **JLC 2020-1** will be on the ballot for public approval 3 November 2020. **JLC 2020-02** (a VCOG MOAA sponsored issue) was approved by the Governor and went through the General Assembly Reconvened Session on 22 April 2020 without challenge. Three days will be granted to count military absentee ballots if post marked on or before close of polls on election day. **JLC 2020-04** was approved by the General Assembly and the Governor. The Virginia Guard Adjutant General now has authority to adjust National Guard Emergency Response Pay (ERP) in accordance with rank and time in grade. After such an adjustment, Guard ERP will be adjusted IAW DOD Active Duty COLA rates. **JLC 2020-03, JLC 2020-05 and JLC 2020-06** did not pass this session due mainly to budget concerns.

Status of JLC 2020 Initiatives – as of April 21, 2020

INITIATIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
JLC 2020-01 <i>2nd Resolution – Personal Property Tax Exemption</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve legislation, and send to the voters via ballot initiative, creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans.	Budget Amendment: N/A Legislation: HB1268 (Helmer): Passed House (93-7); Passed Senate (40-0); Approved by GOV HJ103: Agreed to by House (91-4); Agreed to by Senate (40-0); GOV action not required (as this is a resolution, not a bill) WILL BE ON THE BALLOT November 3, 2020 SB446/SJ33 (Reeves) & SB820/SJ58 (Morrissey): SB820/SJ58 were incorporated into SB446/SJ58, which were Continued to 2021
JLC 2020-02 <i>Counting Military Absentee Ballots After Election Day</i>	That the General Assembly enact and the Governor sign legislation that directs Virginia registrars receive and count military overseas absentee ballots postmarked on or before election day and which arrive by 5:00 p.m. on the second business day before the State Board of Elections meets to certify the results of the election.	Budget Amendment: N/A Legislation: HB191 (J. Cole): Rolled into HB203 HB203 (Tran): Continued to 2021 SB455 (Reeves): Passed Senate (40-0); Passed House (93-2); Senate agrees to House substitute (38-0); Approved by GOV
JLC 2020-03 <i>Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income Disabled Veterans</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Budget Amendment: 0 #1s Reeves Language Only <i>Not included in GA-budget</i> Legislation: HB125 (Miyares); HB1619 (Helmer): Passed House (100-0); Senate continued to 2021 SB456 (Reeves): Continued to 2021
JLC 2020-04 <i>Virginia National Guard Emergency Response Pay</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly ensure Virginia's continued commitment to the men and women of the Virginia National Guard, through raising the minimum National Guard Emergency Response Pay (ERP) to equal the currently used DOD pay table plus a 2-10% increased adjustment, depending on rank.	Budget Amendment: Governor's Introduced Budget (Language Only) Legislation: HB1718 (Freitas): Left in committee SB753 (Reeves): Passed Senate (40-0); Passed House (98-0) with Amendment; Senate agreed to House amendment (39-0); Approved by GOV
JLC 2020-05 <i>Tax Credits for Employers who Hire VNG and Reserves</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve Tax credits for employers of National Guard members and self-employed National Guard members.	Budget Amendment: 0 #2s Reeves Language Only. <i>Not included in GA-budget</i> Legislation: HB230 (Freitas) – incorporated HB1620; HB1620 (Helmer): Continued to 2021 SB218 (Suetterlein); SB457 (Reeves): Both bills Continued to 2021
JLC 2020-06 <i>Microloans for Veterans Program (MVP)</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly provide an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 in FY20 and \$1,000,000 in FY21 for the Microloan for Veterans Program fund.	Budget Amendment: Del. Keam 128 #5h - \$1M in FY21&22; Sen. Reeves 464 #2s \$1M in FY21&22. <i>Not included in GA-approved budget</i> Legislation: SB458 (Reeves): 2/3: Passed Senate (40-0); Left in House Appropriations – money needed did not make it into the GA-approved budget



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PRESIDENTS CORNER (Cont'd from page 1)

mal business. Another of our main events of the year, the annual awards ceremony at Tech, for the Corps of Cadets, has been cancelled as have all other Tech activities. We are proceeding to present our awards, via mail, and presently see no obstacles to accomplishing that goal. High school JROTC programs - cancelled. Restoration Alliance project scheduled for April 25 - cancelled. The Congressional Appreciation Luncheon in D.C., also known as "Storming the Hill," scheduled for April 30, at which, last year, our chapter had the largest delegation in the state - cancelled. What have we been able to accomplish? Communication among our board members has enabled us to conduct much of our routine business. Tom Dalzell has been working hard to get our website back online, along with our Face Book page. He has established a connection with a website pro that is very promising. Bob Habermann has been administering as much of our annual awards programs as possible. Bob Brown is steadily increasing our membership and Steve Jamison is tracking those results. And, I have been informed by Roger Talmadge the Military Family Support Center (MFSC) and food pantry continue to operate to meet the needs of local military families. The pantry volunteers are using all possible safety precautions, pre-bagging tailor-made packages for their clients and delivering those packages directly to the clients' homes. What is our plan for going forward? We are hoping to be able to restart our normal activities in September. We will make those decisions as we get closer to that time and as the fall-out from Covid-19 continues to unfold. We will keep all our members informed. Safety will be paramount. Despite the sadness and tragedy, I am grateful for the blessings I have and that I feel our members share. I think about the many Americans who have died or lost loved ones or their jobs and do not know where their next meal is coming from or how they will keep a roof over their family's heads. The homeless have even less. For me, this is a good time to seek out means of giving back to the country I serve and love and to those in need. I am generously tipping those who deliver our groceries or carry them to our car from Kroger. And I am donating again to the MFSC which is seriously in need of our support at this unprecedented time in our nation. Another option for local giving back is financial assistance to Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. Our member Dan Karnes was recently appointed chair of their board of directors. Each of you have your own priority organizations and individuals who need your help now. And, finally, this crisis has given me a new appreciation for our medical heroes. The next time I interact with anyone who is part of the medical or first responder corps, I will make certain I give him or her a sincere thank you for the heroic acts of professionalism and caring they give all of us on an hourly basis. Their losses to the virus are high. They have my undying gratitude. Stay safe. I greatly look forward to seeing all of you whenever we meet again.

Lee M Ensley

MEMORIAL DAY 25 MAY 2020

Due to the COVID19 pandemic most Memorial Day ceremonies this year were cancelled or scaled back. In past years the Virginia Veterans Council held a Memorial Day ceremony at Lee Plaza in downtown Roanoke. With no ceremony planned for this year LTC Dan Karnes, USAR (Ret) contacted the Assistant City Manager to see if it would be alright for a small contingent from the Southwest Virginia Chapter to conduct a short wreath laying ceremony on 25 May. LTC Karnes also contacted George's Flowers to make a wreath. At 1000



LTC Dan Karnes, CDR Lee Ensley

hours on Monday 25 May 2020 CDR Lee Ensley USN (Ret), LTC Dan Karnes USAR (Ret), COL John Miller USA (Ret), Col Thomas Dalzell USMC (Ret), LTC Steven Jamison USA (Ret) and several military veterans placed a Memorial Wreath at the War Memorial on Lee Plaza in downtown Roanoke. CDR Lee Ensley provided some personal remarks on veterans he served with and asked others to remember veterans they may have known or served with. The Memorial Wreath was gifted by George's Flowers. Thank you!



At the **Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA** SWVC Chapter Surviving Spouse Representative Ms. Mary Lou Summers, COL Dallas Cox, and Mr. Emil Moldavan, Dublin American Legion Post 58, presented TAPS at 3 pm to join in the Nation wide effort to show our appreciation and respect.



MEMBER PROFILE

HANS BRINGS, MD



Hans Brings was born on 12 June 1959 in San Diego, California. He graduated from the University of California, San Diego in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Soon thereafter he was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy (Medical Corps) and began studies at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland where he graduated in 1985 as a Doctor of Medicine.

Over the next 20 years Hans served as a Navy Medical Corps Officer in a variety of settings. He completed his General Surgery residency at the Naval Hospital San Diego in 1993. He also completed a Navy sponsored fellowship in Vascular Surgery at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 2002.

Hans is board-certified in both General and Vascular Surgery and has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1996.

Highlights of Hans's naval career include tours of duty as a Naval Flight Surgeon at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC (1987-1989); Ship's Surgeon, USS Constellation CV-64 (1993-1994); Director of Surgical Services at the Naval Hospital Rota Spain (1997-2000); and Chief of Vascular Surgery at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD (2002-2005). In 2003, Hans served in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and was deployed with Fleet Hospital Three in support of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at the onset of hostilities. He was likely the first US military fellowship trained Vascular Surgeon to perform surgery in Iraq during that conflict. CAPT Brings retired from the Navy in 2005.

Following his Navy career, Dr. Brings continued to practice Vascular and General Surgery in Sumter, SC (2005-2010); at Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem, VA (2010-2016); and most recently at the Salem Veterans Administration Medical Center (2016-2020) until retiring in January, 2020.

Hans married Dianne Lee Workman in 1987 and they have two grown sons. Dianne is a former elementary school teacher. Hans and Dianne moved to Roanoke in 2010 and took up ballroom dancing, which they continue to enjoy. Hans also likes hiking and gardening as well as reading and writing.

MOAA SAY'S - HELP PROTECT YOUR MILITARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

The **United States Space Force (USSF)** is the space warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces, and is one of the eight U.S. uniformed services. The sixth and youngest branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, it was the first branch of the military established since the formation of the independent U.S. Air Force in 1947. The direct antecedent of the Space Force, Air Force Space Command, was formed on 1 September 1982 with responsibility for space warfare operations. The National Defense Authorization Act for 2020 redesignated Air Force Space Command as the U.S. Space Force, and established it as an independent branch of the U.S. Armed Forces on 20 December 2019.

The U.S. Space Force is organized as a military service branch within the Department of the Air Force, one of the three military departments within the Department of Defense. The Space Force, through the Department of the Air Force, is headed by the Secretary of the Air Force, who reports to the Secretary of Defense, and is appointed by the President with Senate confirmation.^[5] In terms of personnel count, it is the smallest U.S. armed service within the U.S. Department of Defense.

The most senior Space Force officer is the Chief of Space Operations, unless a Space Force officer also serves as either the chairman or vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Chief of Space Operations exercises supervision over the Space Force's units and serves as one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Certain Space Force components will be assigned, as directed by the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force, to unified combatant commands. Combatant commanders will be delegated operational authority of the forces assigned to them, while the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Space Operations will retain administrative authority over their members.

Mission

The U.S. Space Force's mission is to "organize, train, and equip space forces in order to protect U.S. and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint force. Its responsibilities include developing military space professionals, acquiring military space systems, maturing the military doctrine for space power, and organizing space forces to present to the Combatant Commands."

The Space Force is specifically responsible for organizing, training, and equipping forces for the following mission sets.

- Space superiority
- Space domain awareness (military, civil, and commercial)
- Offensive and defensive space control
- Command and control of space forces and satellite operations
- Space support to operations (e.g. satellite communications)
- Space service support (e.g. space lift and space range operations for military, civil, and commercial operators)
- Space support to nuclear command, control, communications and nuclear detonation detection
- Missile warning and space support to missile defense operations

Functions

As described in the United States Space Force Act, it will be organized, trained, and equipped to:

- Provide freedom of operation for the United States in, from, and to space
- Provide prompt and sustained space operations

Duties

Its duties include to:

- Protect the interests of the United States in space
- Deter aggression in, from, and to space
- Conduct space operations



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Organization

The Space Force is organized as one of two coequal military service branches within the Department of the Air Force, with the other service being the United States Air Force. Both services are overseen by the Secretary of the Air Force, who has overall responsibility for organizing, training, and equipping the Space Force and Air Force.

The military head of the Space Force is the Chief of Space Operations (CSO), who is an officer in the grade of general. The Chief of Space Operations will become a member of the Joint Staff one year after the passage of the Space Force Act. If authorized by the Secretary of Defense, the Chief of Space Operations may be dual-hatted as the Commander of United States Space Command. For additional information look up United States Space Force on Wikipedia



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