

CSO NOTICE TO GUARDIANS (C-NOTE #23)

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We recently established two new Field Commands—U.S. Space Forces Space (SPACEFORSPACE) and U.S. Space Force Europe-Africa (SPACEFOREUR-AF)—and I’m excited to talk about them. I’ve mentioned Service components in a [previous C-note](#) and now want to emphasize the role units like this play in our force employment activities. It is important that all Guardians understand how the Services fit into joint doctrine and the role Service organizations play in joint operations.

The United States Space Force is comprised of a headquarters staff in the Pentagon and field commands around the world. The headquarters oversees resourcing, develops policy, and provides guidance to the force. It has no operational authority. Field commands are purpose-built for specific activities—SSC for capability development; STARCOM for education, training, and test and evaluation; and SpOC for operational readiness. All these activities align to our institutional responsibilities as a Service. The statutory role of the headquarters staff and the institutional responsibilities of the field commands is the origin of the *organize, train, and equip* language so many of us have heard. But that’s not all the Space Force does.

Our Service also has component Field Commands (C-FLDCOMs) assigned as Service components in combatant commands. As *Joint Publication 1* prescribes, these Space Force units, and the forces under their operational control, plan, direct, and execute operations under the authority of a joint force commander and assist in space collaboration between combatant commands at the operational level. They are also the Space Force’s primary interface with the combatant commands for activities like joint space-related training, requirements, system fielding, security cooperation, host-nation coordination.

Today, we have four C-FLDCOMs: SPACEFORINDOPAC, SPACEFORCENT, and now SPACEFORSPACE and SPACEFOREUR-AF. These are Space Force units. They are comprised of Guardians from all career fields and empowered by Space Force doctrine, training, equipment, and sustainment. While they perform operational activities under the direction and authority of a joint force commander, as governed by Joint Doctrine, they do so as Space Force formations using Space Force operational concepts, tactics, procedures, and command and control structures, integrating with their sister Service components to successfully execute their combatant command’s plans and operations.

Every military Service uses this model. As I said in C-note #2, *Service components are the primary building blocks of the Joint Force*. The Space Force is no different. Every day around the world, the Space Force has units developing capabilities, building readiness, *and conducting operations*. That’s what it means to be a military Service and part of a joint force.

Semper Supra!