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Army Space & **PROFESS**

**Members of a Highly
Selective Profession**

Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 3062 (a)

It is the intent of Congress to provide an Army that is capable, in conjunction with the other armed forces, of:

1. Preserving the peace and security, and providing for the defense, of the United States, the Territories, Commonwealths, and possessions, and any areas occupied by the United States;
2. Supporting the national policies;
3. Implementing the national objectives; and
4. Overcoming any nations responsible for aggressive acts that imperil the peace and security of the United States.

Missile Defense PROFESSIONALS

The United States Army is charged with a vital mission – an obligation that requires dedicated Soldiers and Army Civilians to achieve. As members of the U.S. Army, each of us must strive to remain worthy of being called professionals; members of a highly selective profession, the Profession of Arms. As the Army’s Space professionals, we play a crucial role – one that helps assure our Army’s ability to fulfill its assigned missions.

We provide the Space force enhancers; communications; position, velocity, and timing; environmental monitoring (space and terrestrial weather); intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; and theater missile warning our fellow Soldiers depend on to dominate the battlefield. Any Soldier who’s had boots on the ground in a combat environment knows the importance of maintaining continual situational awareness, of precisely striking an intended target, and of having reach-back communications capabilities. We also provide the Soldiers – “300 defending 300 million” – who man America’s ground-based interceptor sites at Fort Greely, Alaska, and Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. As LTG Formica so eloquently states, “If the Army wants to shoot, move or communicate, it needs Space ... If it doesn’t want to do that, it doesn’t need Space.”

In order to carry out these vital missions, we have Soldiers deployed globally; working crew positions and supplying missile warning, missile defense, and satellite communications support to our forces. These Soldiers work around-the-clock, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year providing communications and missile warning support to the Warfighter. We also have Soldiers continuously manning our ground-based interceptors, enabling missile defense for the Nation. In addition, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Soldiers also routinely deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq, providing space support to combatant commanders.

As Space and Missile Defense professionals, our Soldiers maintain the highest level of technical

knowledge and capability, while also maintaining the ability to deploy and fight! As Soldiers manning crew positions or serving as members of an Army Space Support Team or a Commercial Imagery Team, our Army Space professionals must meet extremely high training and certification requirements. Each Soldier must demonstrate the highest level of knowledge and understanding of the tasks assigned. They must also routinely demonstrate their proficiency during real-world operations and no-notice evaluations.

Our Soldiers are also members of the Profession of Arms; professional Soldiers, remaining current on warrior tasks and battle drills (e.g., marksmanship training, physical training, professional military education). You must earn the right to be a member of our profession in every situation – in garrison, on leave, in social gatherings – by adhering to our norms of conduct, our guiding values and our high standards. I’ve said many times, you either are or are not a Professional Soldier; it is not a “sometimes” thing. I firmly believe that each member of the USASMDC/ARSTRAT team is a professional and that each of us will strive to attain the high goals and standards of our profession on a daily basis.

To the Soldiers who work tirelessly to provide Space enablers and missile warning to the Warfighter and Missile Defense to our Nation and to the families who support them – thank you. Your sacrifice and efforts make a difference!

I also want to thank our Department of Defense Civilians and contractors who contribute and work tirelessly in our research, development, and acquisition areas to develop new systems and find new ways to assist the Warfighter. We can’t meet the unique and demanding needs of our Warfighters by just buying it off the shelf. What you do is of enormous consequence to our Warfighters.

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