

Space Professional

Personnel Update

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Accessions

The functional designation process now assesses Captains at the seven-year mark. As a result, a warm welcome goes out to our 11 newest FA40 members accessed in September 2006: CPT Michael J. Bancroft, CPT Donald K. Brooks, CPT Jason M. Favero, CPT Charles F. Harmon III, CPT Charles D. Hayes, CPT Bryan G. Juntunen, CPT Eric J. Marion, CPT John B. Marley, CPT Cecil A. Strickland, CPT Christopher G. Turner and CPT William C. Wright.

Air Force Space Badge

On Feb. 22, 2006, the Air Force approved the Army criteria for award and wear of the new Air Force Space Badge at the Basic, Senior and Master levels to Army Space Cadre members that meet the rigorous qualification criteria based on training/education and experience gained serving in a validated Space Cadre position. The Air Force also authorized the Army to wear a black subdued version of the new badge on appropriate duty uniforms (Battle Dress and Army Combat Uniforms). A request for exception to policy to AR 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia) from Department of the Army to authorize acceptance and wear of the new badge on the Army uniform was submitted and approved by the Chief of Staff of the Army on Aug. 22, 2006. The initial release of memorandums awarding and authorizing individuals to wear the new badge were dated Sept. 1, 2006.

In accordance with AR 670-1, the new AFSB is considered an Army Group 3 Badge (special skill badge) and will be worn on the Army uniform in the same manner as U.S. Army combat or special skill badges. Army Space Cadre members eligible to wear the new badge on their dress uniforms (Class A and B, Blue, White, etc.) can either wear the regular or miniature size nickel-plated, mirror-like polished pin-on badge already procured and fielded by the Air Force. To comply with Army wear policy, we are coordinating with the Institute of Heraldry to develop, procure and field pin-on black subdued AFSBs for wear on the Battle Dress Uniform and the Army Combat Uniform. We are also coordinating with the Institute of Heraldry to develop, procure and field a dress miniature pin-on badge for the Army Mess Dress uniform since the Air Force 'miniature' version is equivalent to our regular sized version and therefore, too large for the Army Mess Dress uniform. Black subdued pin-on and Army Mess Dress miniature pin-on badges for the old Air Force Space and Missile Badge at the Basic, Senior, and Master levels will also be developed, procured and fielded. Note: Wear of the new Air Force Space Badge supersedes wear of the old Air Force Space and Missile Badge.

Upon finalization of all procurement actions, officers and enlisted Soldiers will be able to purchase the black subdued pin-on and Army Mess Dress miniature pin-on badges at Military Clothing and Sales Stores along with the already procured and fielded nickel-plated, mirror-like polished pin-on badges (regular or Air Force miniature size). Additionally, enlisted personnel will be authorized to receive the black subdued pin-on and regular or Air Force miniature size nickel-plated, mirror-like polished pin-on badges they qualify for from their unit supply sergeant. Pin-on miniature badges for the Army Mess Dress uniform will not be issued because the uniform is not a supply room issued item.

Also, codes and acronym entries have been developed or modified for the Officer or Enlisted Record Brief to distinguish the new badge from the previously issued badge. As mentioned previously, there are three levels of achievement for both the old and the new badges; however, the requirement criteria for the new badge is different from the requirement criteria for the old one.

Soldier Record Briefs are updated using the field 'CBTSPB' to enter the value (or codes) for the appropriate level of badge awarded. The codes for the previously issued badges have not changed; however, the acronym on ORB/ERBs is slightly different. The acronyms now for the old Air Force Space and Missile Badge shows as AFSMB for the Basic level, SAFSMB for the Senior level, and MAFSMB for the Master level. Codes for the new Air Force Space Badge are: ES for the Master level; ET for the Senior level; and EU for the Basic level. The acronym that shows on ORBs (and eventually on ERBs as the Army Space Cadre moves forward and includes enlisted Space Enablers) for each level of the new AFSB is: AFSB for the Basic level, SAFSB for the Senior level, and MAFSB for the Master level.

Education and Training

Space 300 is a resident, 15-day capstone course taught by the Air Force at the National Security Space Institute located in Colorado Springs, CO. The National Security Space Institute is the Department of Defense's single focal point for Space education and training, complementing existing Space education programs at Air University, the Naval Postgraduate School and the Air Force Institute of Technology. Students attending Space 300 represent a broad range of National Security Space organizations, with the target audience centering on the Space Professional at the rank of senior Major through Colonel. The material and span of the course includes subject areas and decisions contemplated from our senior officers to the highest levels of government. Space 300 is a thinker's course, primarily using guided discussion techniques in order to equip tomorrow's Space leaders with skills needed to solve problems of Space bearing on national security. The course is essential for the professional development of our senior Army Space Cadre. The multi-service population of this course prepares the FA40 Space Operations Officer for assignments throughout the Joint and National Security Space Communities. Completing the course also results in certification as a credentialed, Level-3 Space Professional. Course attendance for Army Space Professionals is managed by the FA40 Personnel Proponent Office. With only one Army seat per course and offered nine times in Fiscal Year 2007, the FA40 Personnel Proponent Office has established criteria in order to develop an order of merit list for selection of students. The criteria used has been vetted and approved by our FA40 Counsel of Colonels and consists of: 1) Accumulated Space Experience (at least 84 months or will reach 84 months within the fiscal year); 2) Type of assignment (current or follow-on); and 3) Availability. Although only one seat per course is allotted to the Army at this time, we are negotiating with Headquarters Air Force Space/A1FX to double our annual throughput from 9 to 18 in order to send nearly half of our eligible 39 FA40 Space Operations Officers (four COLs, 28 LTCs, and seven MAJs) to Space 300 during Fiscal Year 2007. More than one name is submitted per course (primary and two alternates) in the event the primary individual is unable to attend or additional seats come available.

Army Space Cadre

As the Army Specified Proponent for Space, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command is leading the effort to develop a cadre of Space-qualified professionals comprised of military and civilian personnel, with oversight provided by the Senior Army Space Council. Currently, the Army Space Cadre is comprised of 189 FA40 Space Professionals assigned throughout the Joint and National Security Space communities. In October 2006, the Senior Army Space Council approved the four-phased Army Space Cadre Strategy that includes identifying and developing a cadre of Space Enablers consisting of Soldiers and civilian personnel, whose primary career field is not Space, but perform unique tasks or functions or may require skills to apply Space capabilities. We are currently in the beginning stages of Phase II of the strategy which will result in the identification of Space Enabler positions throughout the Army by 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2007. Upon identification of Space Enabler positions, we will develop additional training opportunities (where required) for Space Cadre personnel (Phase III) and begin tracking and reporting of all Space Cadre personnel as well as further develop supporting policies and regulations (Phase IV). The primary objectives of this strategy are to develop and maintain a cadre of Space-qualified personnel in sufficient quantities to represent the Army's interests in Space acquisition and operations. This strategy allows the Army to accomplish these objectives while generating a sufficient number of appropriately qualified personnel to man Joint Space organizations, as well as, function as Space experts throughout the Army. Additional information regarding the status of the Army Space Cadre will be provided in future **Army Space Journal** updates.

Promotions

The Fiscal Year 2006 Colonel's Board selected two of our FA40s. Congratulations to LTC(P) Jeff Farnsworth and LTC(P) Tim Kopra on your recent selection. The board was conducted under OPMS XXI standards with FA40 in the Information Operations Career Field. The first board to be conducted under the OPMS redesign will be the February 2007 Lieutenant Colonel's Board. As explained in previous issues of the **Army Space Journal**, the OPMS redesign eliminated the four career fields and established three Functionally Aligned Categories for both promotion and management. The Functionally Aligned Categories are further subdivided into Functional Groups. FA40 is now aligned as follows:
Functionally Aligned Category: Operations Support (OS). FA40 officers will compete for promotion within this category.
Functional Group: Network and Space Operations (FA40, FA24, FA53 and SC).

Please visit the Human Resources Command Web site to view the latest changes associated with OPMS.

Also, congratulations to LTC Steve Choi, LTC Jay Driscoll, LTC Rich Lewis, LTC Jim Patterson, LTC Larry Roberts, LTC Lem Williams, MAJ Alex Braszko, MAJ Bill Eldridge, MAJ Jason Lange, and MAJ Jeff Sheehan on your recent promotion.

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)

As a result of the recent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command / Army Forces Strategic Command will move its Headquarters to Huntsville, Alabama this summer (2007). The FA40 Personnel Proponent Office will be part of that move. However, no one from the FA40 Personnel Proponent Office Staff working in DC/Arlington is relocating. Ms. Patsy Campbell, Ms. Rosemary Cuadros, and Ms. Carolyn Maddox have decided to remain in the DC area and seek other employment opportunities. Mr. Larry Fallen and his temporary replacement Mr. Steve Lewis have already moved on to other assignments. I will continue as the Chief of the FA40 Personnel Proponent Office over the next few months in Colorado Springs, CO as my entire staff changes over. As my DC/Arlington staff prepare for the transition, they may seek information from the FA40 community to ensure all files are current and ready for transfer to new staff personnel. I ask that you be responsive to those requests so the operation of this office can continue to run effectively and efficiently. My staff will remain readily accessible to you even as personnel change. You are encouraged to keep the FA40 hotline number and e-mail address as primary references. Both are independent (not name dependent). The e-mail address is not subject to change or deletion; however, the phone number will change when the office departs DC. Those references are: (703) 602-1325/DSN 332 and FA40-Space@smdc.army.mil.