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FA40 Proponent/ Army Space Cadre News

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New Office Location

The FA40 Personnel Proponent Office (PPO) and Army Space Cadre Office have moved from Building 3 and Peterson Air Force Base into the Atrium II complex in Colorado Springs, Colo. Although we will maintain our Peterson Air Force Base mailing address, our actual location is 1150 Academy Park Loop, Suite 212.

The FA40 Space Operations e-mail address remains the same for communication with the FA40 Personnel Proponency Office (FA40-Space@smdc.army.mil). Mailing addresses, office symbols, fax numbers, and POCs for both offices are as follows:

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New FA40 Proponent Office Personnel

Mike Connolly has assumed the responsibilities of the FA40 Personnel Proponent Office Deputy. Mike comes to us from the defense contracting arena where he supported the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Managers Office as well as the 100th Missile Defense Brigade. Prior to his retirement, then COL Connolly (FA40) served in numerous FA40 positions to include two assignments in Cheyenne Mountain where he was a Mission Director, Chief, Standards and Evaluation Division, J6, Command Director and Chief of Staff. Additionally, he was a Joint Space Support Team Chief and Deputy J36 (Current Operations) at U.S. Space Command. Lastly, he served at the Executive Assistant to the Commander U.S. Strategic Command during the period in which USSTRATCOM assumed the responsibility for the Nation's Military Space mission. Mike brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience that will greatly contribute to the overall success of the FA40 Personnel Proponency Office and the FA40 community.

By press time, Bryant Rushing will have also joined the FA40 Personnel Proponency Office after his successful completion of a Reserve Mobilization where he served as the J1, Joint Functional Component Command-Integrated Missile Defense. Bryant's experience and knowledge will be utilized in supporting the personnel functions required of the Proponent Office. Expect to see more about Bryant in future editions of the ASJ.

Education/Training

The FA40 Personnel Proponency Office is currently working on the 2008 U.S. Army FA40 Space Operations Symposium to be held at the Scitor facility in Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 3-5, 2008. The objectives of this Symposium are to provide an Operational Update to the Army Space Operations Professionals (FA40); educate FA40's on force improvements and new initiatives at strategic, operational and tactical levels; discuss Army Space Operations Officer's Roles, Responsibilities and Opportunities; and provide a forum for Army Space Professionals to discuss Army Space issues that impact the Army and their community.

Although the target audience is Career Field Designated FA40 officers, interested military members, Department of Defense Civilians and Defense Contractors with appropriate security clearances are welcome to attend on a space available basis.

If you would like to receive additional information on the Symposium and be added to the distribution list, send an e-mail to: michael.connolly@smdc-cs.army.mil.

Space Cadre

Army Space Cadre Update

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Our current focus remains on a 2nd data call with the goal to standardize Space Enabler billets across the Army, identify additional Space Enabler billets and develop templates to apply across Army Service Component Commands, Corps and Divisions. We recently briefed our recommendations to the Space Council of Colonels. In July 2008 our recommendations will go forward to the Army Space Council for consideration.

Additionally, we are working with the Army G-1 to develop a system which will allow the Army to track and report on the Space Cadre. On a test basis, we have also developed an Army Space Professional Brief for all FA40s. This is based on an Air Force system and will display professional experience, schooling and certification well beyond the capacity of the Officer Record Brief. We are working to refine this Space Professional Brief and in the near term we will send out to all FA40s for validation. This system has the potential to be a great management tool for Human Resources Command and the FA40 Personnel Proponency Office. Additionally, it will exist as a multi-service system in the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System.

We continue to work in concert with the Air Force and Navy to develop a "way ahead" for the identification and coding of civilian "Space" personnel. Currently, none of the Services have a civilian Space career track, although there are many well trained and experienced civilians working in Space positions. Analysis continues to determine the best way ahead for all Services.

Many individuals have asked what is the Army Space Cadre Office, what is your mission, role and function? To the right, I have tried to answer some of those questions by putting in what we developed as our "charter". As the office matures and we move beyond the identification phase of the Space Cadre we will continue to refine our roles and functions.

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ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

A. Establishment. Congress directed the Secretary of Defense to "promote the development of Space personnel career fields within each of the military departments." The Secretary of Defense directed each Service to grow "a cadre of Space qualified professionals." As the Army Specified Proponent for Space, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (SMDC/ARSTRAT) was assigned the mission to develop and track a cadre of Space-qualified professionals comprised of military and civilian personnel. The Army Space Cadre Office was officially created in September, 2007 and is located on Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., under the auspices of the Deputy Commanding General for Operations, SMDC/ARSTRAT. Additional oversight is provided by the Senior Army Space Council chaired by the Army G-3.

B. Mission. As the Army's single focal point for Space Cadre, the Army Space Cadre Office is responsible for identifying Space Cadre members, tracking Space Cadre positions, personnel and training data, and reporting data and metrics in accordance with Department of Defense directives and guidance. The Army Space Cadre Office does not manage Army personnel in any regard.

C. Definition. In 2005 the Senior Army Space Council process established two categories of Space Cadre: Space Professionals: (military and civilian) who are career Space specialists, whose principal duties include planning, developing, resourcing, acquiring, integrating, or operating Space forces, concepts, applications, or capabilities in accordance with Department of Defense Directive 3100.1 and Joint Publication 3-14. Currently, only FA40 Space Officers are Space Professionals. Space Enablers: (military and civilian) personnel assigned to positions whose primary career field is not Space, but perform unique tasks or functions or may require skills to apply Space capabilities. Supplemental Space training is directly related to the duty positions of assignment.

D. Benefit to the Army. Identifies and develops more personnel with the knowledge to integrate Space capabilities into current operations and future planning; advances the level of Army Space expertise across the Total Force; increases Space training and awareness Army wide.

- Benefit to Army Organizations – Enhances Space expertise of individuals serving the Organization mission and provides targeted Space training appropriate for designated Space Cadre personnel. Allows Organizations to capitalize on emerging Space capabilities.
- Benefit to Personnel Management Offices – Expands developmental opportunities and recognition of the career area with tailored training for Space Cadre positions and establishment of an additional management tool in the Space Cadre tracking system.
- Benefit to Soldiers – Expands the multi-skilled level of the Soldier with expansion of training opportunities and recognition of the Space expertise skill gained; provides greater training opportunities for Space related training, higher potential for return Space related assignments and eligibility for award of the Air Force Space Badge.

E. Correlation. The Army Space Cadre Office works directly for the Deputy Commanding General for Operations and the Commanding General, SMDC/ARSTRAT, with oversight by the Senior Army Space Council in response to Department of Defense Strategic Space requirements.

How Do We Contact You?

In order to maintain contact and stay up-to-date on all of the FA40 and Space Cadre issues, personnel, news and announcements you are highly encouraged to frequently check your AKO account. The Personnel Proponency Office/Army Space Cadre Office will use this common address as the primary means to provide you useful and pertinent information.

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Air Force Space Badges – Dress Miniatures

The FA40 Personnel Proponent Office, with the assistance of the Peterson Air Force Base Military Clothing Sales Store and The Institute of Heraldry, is attempting to procure all levels of Air Force Space Badges – Master, Senior and Basic – in Dress Miniature format, suitable for wear on Army Mess Dress Uniforms. These Dress Miniature medals, designed by The Institute of Heraldry, are shiny silver in color, and approximately 1¼ inch wide. They are intended for wear on the lapel of the Army Mess Blue and Mess White uniforms, only, in accordance with Army Regulation 670-1. The Peterson Air Force Base Military Clothing Sales Store anticipates delivery of the first batch to its facility on or about Jul. 1, 2008. When this occurs, the FA40 Personnel Proponency Office will broadcast an e-mail with instructions how to special order them through the Army Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Stores, worldwide.