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FA40 Proponent/ Army Space Cadre News

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Space Operations Officer Qualification Course 08-02

Army Space Cadre Update

Our year long effort on a second data call is finally coming to an end. The Army 1-2 Star Space Council is recommending approval of the 507 identified Space Cadre billets to the Army G3/5/7. The second data call culminates with two key outcomes: all billets with a 3Y (Space Activities) Skill Identifier and all 25S billets with a 1C (Satellite Systems/Network Coordinator) Additional Skill Identifier will be coded as Space Enabler billets. Our goal to establish templates for standardization of the Space Cadre across the Army's force structure was partially obtained at the Division, Corps and Army Service Component Command level. In the future, as the Space Cadre matures and force structure changes slow down, we will relook the templates.

Our next step is to gain U.S. Army Human Resources Command approval of a Skill Identifier for award to qualifying military Space Enablers and initiate a subsequent data call to identify additional civilian Space Enablers. We currently envision a self-nomination process for civilians.

In conjunction with the identification of additional Space Cadre billets, we completed and staffed an Army Space Cadre Implementation Plan which lays out the way ahead. The desired end state of the Implementation Plan is to have an identified cadre of Space expertise within the Army in sufficient quantities, and with the appropriate skills and experience to meet the Army's needs and fill Space requirements, acquisition and operations positions. At this time, there is no directed quantity of Space Cadre members within the Army. In the end state, as authorization documents change, Space Enabler billets are identified and coded in the documentation process based on approved templates and subsequent document reviews.

Once an individual is assigned to a Space Enabler billet, that individual may seek additional training based on the specific requirements of that billet. When that individual has met an established level of proficiency (training, education, experience), they may request award of a Space Skill Identifier through the Army Space Cadre Office. Additionally, as their level of proficiency increases, they may apply for award of the Air Force Space Badge in accordance with current established procedures. The Skill Identifier and level of badge certification could serve to identify Soldiers for potential repetitive assignments within Space related fields as determined by Human Resources Command and Proponents. Assignments will continue to be based on needs of the Army and on established career tracks as defined by Human Resources Command and Proponents. The Space Enabler training recommended by U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command in coordination with Functional Proponents, may consist of or be achieved through a combination of online training, mobile training teams, school attendance, military occupational specialty training, or on-the-job experience. The Army Space Cadre Office will manage the award of a Space Skill Identifier and award of the Air Force Space Badge. Once coded in the Human Resources Command personnel system, the Skill Identifier will be used by the Army Space Cadre Office to track statistical information for metrics reporting. The Army Space Cadre Office will not manage Space Enablers in any regard nor have involvement in the assignment process.

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Promotions

Congratulations to BG Kurt S. Story on his recent promotion.

Congratulations to LTC Gary Arnold, LTC Stephen Benavides and LTC James Meisinger on their selection for promotion to Colonel.

Congratulations to the following Functional Area 40 officers on their recent promotion:

LTC Clifford Hodges – Dec. 1
LTC Kevin Laughlin – Nov. 1
LTC Jacqueline Patten – Aug. 1
LTC John Price – Nov. 1
LTC Jerome Shay – Oct. 1

MAJ Tammy Aguilar – Dec. 1
MAJ Michael Bancroft – Nov. 1
MAJ Thomas Bloomfield – Dec. 1
MAJ Todd Book – Nov. 1
MAJ Charles Hayes – Dec. 1
MAJ Eric Marion – Nov. 1
MAJ John Marley – Dec. 1
MAJ Dennis Slaton – Dec. 1



SPACE 300 COURSE

We manage all Army allocations for Space 300. The Proponent Point of Contact is Jerry Pepin at 719-554-0457, Gerald.pepin@smdc-es.army.mil. Space 300 is a 15-day capstone course for Space professional development at the National Security Space Institute in Colorado Springs, Colo. This course is for Space professionals approaching senior positions (13-15 year point in their military career). It is a thinker's course, primarily using guided discussion techniques to teach tomorrow's Space leaders to solve problems of Space bearing on national security.

Graduates will be able to:

- Provide expertise on and advocate for national-level agency, Department of Defense and Service Space-related policy, strategy, doctrine, operations, acquisition and international and domestic law.
- Critically analyze key operational and acquisition events in a Space system's lifetime and their respective interactions with the operator, user and acquirer.
- Provide Space operations and acquisition expertise at the strategic and operational levels of terrestrial operations, enabling the best-integrated Space support to the Warfighter.

Are you eligible to attend? The minimum requirements to attend this course are:

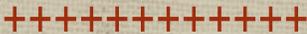
- Must be a Field Grade Officer, E-7 or higher, or Warrant Officer
- Must have a Top Secret clearance
- Completed Space Operations Officer Qualification Course (SOOQC) or Space 200
- Must have at least one Army Space coded assignment (FA40, 3Y, 1C, etc.)
- Must be an ILE Graduate (Officers).

We normally will not send you if you have approved or submitted retirement orders or are in a student status.

Every year in the July/August time frame, we rack and stack all qualified Functional Area 40 officers into an order of merit listing using that year's priorities. The listing is what we will use to fill classes during the next year. We handle non-FA40s on a case-by-case basis. If you are not an FA40, submit your request to us. Requests should include documentation that the above requirements have been met.

There is always confusion over funding. The FA40 Proponency Office does not fund Space 300 attendance. All temporary duty stations (TDY) are paid through assigned units or through Military Training Specific Allotment in conjunction with a Permanent Change of Station (TDY enroute). Therefore, if selected ensure your unit can support.

Once you graduate from Space 300, you may qualify for the Master Air Force Space Badge ... if you meet the experience requirements. You may also get college credit for attending. The American Council on Education recommends credit for three semester hours in the graduate degree category for Space Acquisition and Integration. Contact your school to see if they will honor this recommendation.



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Air Force Space Badge (AFSB) — Processing Procedures

Bob Kyniston recently moved to the Functional Area 40 Personnel Proponent Office and Army Space Cadre Office where he assumed responsibility for managing the process for award of the Air Force Space Badge to Army personnel — among many other tasks. Mr. Kyniston is no stranger to U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command or the FA40 community. He came to the Personnel Proponent Office from the USASMDC/ARSTRAT G1 where he was the Plans and Operations Officer. Prior to that assignment, he was the Enlisted Strength Manager for the command and before that, the Battalion S1 for the 1st Space Battalion. Mr. Kyniston has over 30 years in the Army personnel management business and over 10 years with USASMDC/ARSTRAT. He brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and a strong work ethic to our team. For information, assistance, or discussion regarding the Air Force Space Badge, please contact Mr. Kyniston at (719) 554-0459 or DSN 692-0459. Submit all requests for award of the Air Force Space Badge to Mr. Kyniston on a DA Form 4187, routed through the first lieutenant colonel in the chain of command, with supporting documentation attached (i.e., Enlisted or Officer Record Brief, evaluation reports, Personnel Qualification Record, etc.). Scan and e-mail requests to space.cadre@smdc-cs.army.mil or robert.kyniston@smdc-cs.army.mil. Requests can also be faxed to (719) 554-0451 or DSN 692-0451. The majority of Air Force Space Badge requests received over the last month were complete and accurate; however, of those received that were incomplete, some were missing supporting documentation and some were missing signatures from either the requesting Soldier or first lieutenant colonel in the chain of command. Please ensure all Air Force Space Badge requests are signed and submitted with accurate information and supporting documentation to ensure timely processing of the request.

