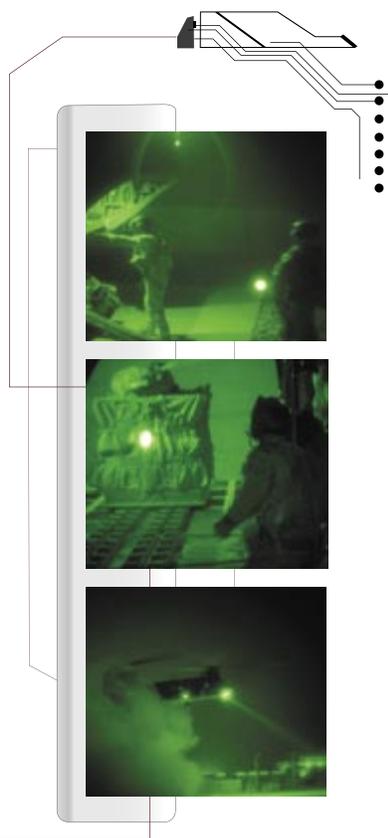


SPACE TECHNOLOGY

THE WARFIGHTER'S PERSPECTIVE

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SFC Douglas Wilderman, GSC Signal Detachment Sergeant, 10th Special Forces Group, loads up his team for a mission Department of Defense
Photo by Senior Airman Eric Harris, U.S. Air Force

The importance of Space to the warfighter, in particular Special Forces, was the main topic of discussion during the warfighter panel at the 11th Annual SPACECOMM Defending America Symposium, conducted Jan. 28 at the Broadmoor Hotel. This year's warfighter panel was chaired by BG Kurt S. Story, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. Also on the panel were MAJ Ty Hensley, Group Support Company Commander, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); 1Lt. Patricia Rodriguez (USAF), Deputy Flight Commander, Plans and Resources Flight, 60th Communications Squadron; SFC Douglas Wilderman, GSC Signal Detachment Sergeant, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); and CPT Jeff Fish, Rear Detachment S6, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Story opened the event with a brief look at where the military has been and where they are currently as a result of the Space capabilities now in hand. Following Story, each panel member gave various personal accounts on how Space enabled them to successfully engage and defeat the enemy by using satellite communications; position navigation and timing; intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance and more.

Later in the day, USASMDC/ARSTRAT Commanding General, LTG Kevin T. Campbell spoke to the same audience touching upon hot topics including the operational environment of Space, current and future Space systems, and ballistic missile defense.

The following pages contain edited versions of the comments from the panel discussion and LTG Campbell's presentation. 

STORY: BG Kurt S. Story, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, chairs the warfighter panel at the 11th Annual SPACECOMM Defending America Symposium, conducted Jan. 28, at the Broadmoor Hotel.



ABOVE: From left to right, MAJ Ty Hensley, Group Support Company Commander, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); 1st Lt. Patricia Rodriguez (USAF), Deputy Flight Commander, Plans and Resources Flight, 60th Communications Squadron; SFC Douglas Wilderman, GSC Signal Detachment Sergeant, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); and CPT Jeff Fish, Rear Detachment S6, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), sat on the warfighter panel at the 11th Annual SPACECOMM Defending America Symposium, conducted Jan. 28, at the Broadmoor Hotel. RIGHT: SFC Douglas Wilderman tells a story about PFC Wilson. *Photos by DJ Montoya*

