



Dr. Ron Saga served as the guest speaker at the 2010 U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Ball. *Photo by Sharon L. Hartman*

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# GOT SPACE? WE HAVE IT!

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1st Space Brigade Commander, COL Jeffrey Farnsworth (center) and CSM James Ross (right), charge COL Eric Henderson, the next 1st Space Brigade commander, with the responsibilities for next year's ball. *Photo by Dennis E. Beebe*

Dr. Ron Sega, former NASA astronaut and under secretary of the Air Force, and current Woodward Professor of Systems Engineering, Colorado State University, and Vice President for Energy, Environment and Applied Research, Colorado State University Research Foundation, served as the keynote speaker for the 2010 U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Ball.

The event, spearheaded by the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, featured the theme "Got Space?," a query intended for warfighters on the ground. A command video highlighted the theme and underscored the command's role as a key provider of space assets to the Army as well as Joint and allied forces. In his remarks, Sega noted how far space technology and space assets have come from his earlier days to now.

Two members of the space community were also honored during the evening festivities. COL Patrick Rayermann, a pioneering member of USASMDC/ARSTRAT, and Michael Connolly, director, Army Space Personnel Development Office, were both bestowed with the Honorable Order of St. Dominic for their extraordinary contributions as space professionals.

The formal portion of the evening came to a close as the 100th Missile Defense Brigade Commander, COL Greg Bowen passed the responsibilities for next year's Ball to 1st Space Brigade Commander, Jeffrey Farnsworth, who quickly passed the sword to his soon to be successor, COL Eric Henderson.

The night was far from over though as those still up for some fun stayed and danced the night away. ▲



BG Kurt S. Story, USASMDC/ARSTRAT Deputy Commanding General for Operations takes the floor during the 2010 command ball. *Photo by Sharon L. Hartman*



BG Kurt S. Story, USASMDC/ARSTRAT Deputy Commanding General for Operations displays the Honorable Order of St. Dominic medallion as COL Timothy Coffin, former 1st Space Brigade commander, and one of the founders of the award, introduces this year's recipients. *Photo by Sharon L. Hartman*