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Army Space Cadre News

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Mike Connolly /// Bio



Initially commissioned as an Air Defense Officer, Mike Connolly served the majority of his 26 year career as an Army Aviator prior to being selected as a Functional Area 40 during the first Career Field Designation Board. His assignments as an FA40 included Chief of Staff, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center; Director Command and Control Systems (J6) Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center; Command Director, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center; Executive Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Deputy, J36 (Current Operations), U.S. Space Command; Chief, Joint Space Support Team, U.S. Space Command; Chief, Standards and Evaluations Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center; and Mission Director, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College as well as East Tennessee State University.

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New Air Force Space Badge Criteria Approved

At the request of LTG Kevin T. Campbell, Gen. C. Robert Kehler, Commander Air Force Space Command approved revised criteria for awarding the Air Force Space Badge to Soldiers. These changes, that affect the award of the Basic Badge only, include:

1. Attendance at the residential Army Space Cadre Basic Course (currently, 40 hours of Army centric space training) or completion of the on-line Advanced Space Operations School “Introduction to Space” course; and one of the following billet qualification courses. This education/training along with 12 months experience in a Space Cadre billet and organizational certification will qualify a Soldier for the basic badge.
 - Joint Tactical Ground Station – Initial Qualification Training (residential, 7 weeks)
 - Army Space Support Team – Certification Training Program (residential, 7 weeks)
 - Commercial Imagery Team – Certification Training Program (residential, 11 weeks)
 - Space Situational Awareness – Certified Training Program (residential, 6 weeks)
 - Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Operator Course (residential, 7 1/2 weeks)
 - Missile Defense Operator Course with GMD add-on (residential, 7 weeks)
2. Attendance at a residential 80 hour Army Space Cadre Basic Course (under development) and 12 months experience in a Space Cadre billet.
3. Functional Area 40, Space Operations Officers, as the Army’s only Space Professionals, may be awarded the Basic Air Force Space Badge upon successful completion of the Space Operations Officer Qualification Course without regard to completing 12 months in a Space Cadre coded billet.

Army Space Personnel Development Office policies will be updated to reflect these changes that immediately went into effect.

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Civilian Space Professional

SPACE PROFESSIONALS: (military and civilian) 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 JP 3-14. (Currently FA40 only)

In January 2006, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army approved the definition of space professional and space enabler as agreed to through the Army Space Cadre Force Management Analysis (FORMAL). Since then, the Army Space Personnel Development Office has briefed the definition with the caveat that, “currently only FA40s are considered space professionals.” However, now is the time to recognize the education, training and significant contributions our civilian workforce make toward the accomplishment of the space mission. This recognition is highly deserved and places our civilians on equal footing with FA40s in competing for education and training opportunities.

As mandated by Congressional requirements, the Army Space Cadre Office tracks and reports on the status and health of the Army’s space cadre members. Because of the multitude of specific data requested by Congress, we created a Space Tracking System which is both top fed from Army databases and populated with input from cadre members. The data provided by the individual cadre member on a Civilian Space Cadre Questionnaire, contains information about their civilian education, military/professional training and space-related experience. Based on that information, the Army Space Cadre Office identified almost 200 individuals (the majority working for U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command) who meet the requirements for designation as a Space Professional.

Using criteria similar to that used in awarding the Air Force Space Badge to Soldiers, the Army Space Cadre Office established three levels for Army Civilian Space Professionals. Each level has defined education and experience requirements which are listed in the chart on the adjacent page.

Individuals who were awarded the Air Force Space Badge as a member of the Armed Forces may be grandfathered into the Civilian Space Professional level that corresponds with their badge level.

To ensure civilians have the opportunity to attend professional development education, the Army Space Personnel Development Office instituted a policy to include Department of the Army Civilians, who have been nominated by their supervisor, on the Space 200 and 300 Order of Merit Lists. These lists are managed by established and published procedures and provide every individual the opportunity to fill one of the Army’s allotted training slots. If you are interested in attending either Space 200 or 300 have your supervisor **contact Jerry Pepin at (719) 554-0457**. Individuals may also have the opportunity to fill short notice training seats.

For individuals who do not know their status or who have not completed a Civilian Space Cadre Questionnaire, please **contact Jim Schlichting at (719) 554-0456 or Jim.Schlichting@us.army.mil**.

In order to fully realize how sharp our edge can be and the capability that exists within the Army’s Space Community, now is the time to acknowledge our civilians as the Space Professionals they truly are!

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Space Cadre Certification Requirements

→	Required	Officer	Enlisted	Civilians*
LEVEL 1	1 yr space experience unless a position certification program is completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOOQC • Space Fundamentals or equivalent • Army Space Cadre Basic Course (80 Hours) • Army Command and General Staff College Space Electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space Fundamentals or equivalent • Space Introduction Course (40 Hours) plus Space Position certification training (see Paragraph 3.3) • Army Space Cadre Basic Course (80 Hours) • 1C Course • A few other grandfathered courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army Space Cadre Basic Course (80 Hours) • Any other qualifying methods for the military • Degree in a space-related technical field • Considered a Level 1 "Space Professional"
LEVEL 2	4 yrs space experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space 200 • SOOQC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space 200 • 1C Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space 200 • Considered a Level 2 "Space Professional"
LEVEL 3	7 yrs space experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space 300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space 300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space 300 • Considered a Level 3 "Space Professional"

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