THE SPACE DOMAIN

On September 1, 1982, the Air Force began guarding our satellites and communication systems under the management of the Air Force Space Command. That changed 37 years later on December 20, 2019, when the Space Force was established as the sixth branch of the armed services.

The establishment of the Space Force resulted from the realization that space has become a contested environment. Important to our national security, it became clear there was a need for a military service focused solely on protecting our space systems from our adversaries.

To maintain our access to space and ensure our security, we must have continuous situational awareness and complete understanding of both the environmental effects and actions of all nations that operate in space.
LEAN AND AGILE FORCE

The Space Force is a lean and agile force by design, focused on being a truly digital service. The importance of every Guardian’s contribution and commitment to serve is heightened by the need to protect the American way of life.

OUR MISSION

The Space Force is responsible for organizing, training and equipping Guardians to conduct global space operations that enhance the way our joint and coalition forces fight, while also offering decision-makers military options to achieve national objectives.

ENEMY THREATS

Space is no longer free from conflict and is the most technically challenging of all the warfighting domains. Although the U.S. military is faster, better connected, more informed, precise and lethal because of our space assets, our adversaries continually seek ways to deny us access to the space capabilities that are fundamental to our way of war and modern way of life. They have developed an array of threats, both on Earth and in orbit, that continue to grow in scope, scale and complexity.
Satellites are essential to secure communications, weather observations and navigational data for ground, air and naval fleet operations both near and far.

Through the command and control of all defense satellites, Guardians provide force-multiplying effects—global surveillance, decreased operational risk and 24/7 flawless coverage.

Space lift operations at our east and west coast launch locations provide services, facilities and range safety control for the Department of Defense, NASA and commercial space launches.

Ground-based and space-based systems monitor ballistic missile launches around the world to guard America and its allies against missile attacks. Furthermore, a global network of space surveillance sensors provide vital information on the location of satellites and space debris for our nation and the world.
Space capabilities are woven into the fabric of our daily lives. Satellites connect more than 4 billion people around the globe. They monitor weather patterns, carry television broadcasts, and the timing and navigation services of the GPS constellation power global financial networks, enable international commerce, synchronize cell phone networks and optimize critical infrastructure such as our power grids.

Our Guardians constantly monitor more than three dozen commercial satellite constellations, track more than 27,000 objects circling Earth and issue warnings to maneuver satellites into safe orbits to avoid collision. Guardians work hard every day to keep the space domain safe and accessible so the world never has to experience a day without space capabilities.

Although Guardians may serve anywhere around the world, they are mainly assigned to one of several locations in the United States:

- Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado
- Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida
- Los Angeles Air Force Base, California
- Patrick Space Force Base, Florida
- Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado
- Schriever Space Force Base, Colorado
- Vandenberg Space Force Base, California
SPACE FORCE CORE VALUES

CHARACTER
We defend the Constitution and serve the nation. Consequently, high moral character and ethical standards are the foundation of our personal and professional lives. We embrace the virtues of integrity, grit, honesty, authenticity and trustworthiness. We are fully accountable for our decisions, actions and inactions. We honor our obligations to our mission, our fellow Guardians and our loved ones.

CONNECTION
We are connected by a common purpose greater than ourselves. We are stronger together than we are individually. We seek out diversity and engage inclusively knowing that harnessing different perspectives fuels innovation. We strengthen our teams and the security of our nation by treating everyone with dignity, empathy and respect. Our approach allows us to tap into the best that each person has to offer.
COMMITMENT

We are committed to the pursuit of mastery of ourselves, our profession and our domain, knowing this is a lifelong journey and not a destination. We see opportunities to learn and grow with the help of our team where others see challenges and obstacles. We will make best use of the diverse and unique strengths of our teammates to achieve feats considered impossible by our adversaries.

COURAGE

We do what needs to be done and say what needs to be said because it is right. We are steadfast and we hold to our convictions. We have the power to choose regardless of circumstance. We are biased toward action, accepting risk when necessary to secure and defend our domain. We act and speak fearlessly knowing our teammates and leadership are unwavering in their support.
BENEFITS OF SERVICE

As a Guardian, you’re at the forefront of America’s newest branch of service, protecting our freedom in the space domain and directly impacting our everyday way of life.

In return, the Space Force provides outstanding opportunities, benefits and a quality of life that will help you reach your personal and professional goals.

- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- Opportunities for advanced education with up to 100 percent tuition assistance and the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Comprehensive medical care
- Up to $400,000 in life insurance
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- Free use of base sports facilities and gyms
- Live, work and travel worldwide
- Generous retirement system with the Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

LAUNCH YOUR FUTURE

Take the first step and launch your future as a Space Force Guardian. You’ll discover there are infinite possibilities to explore. For more information, contact your local recruiter, call 1-888-885-USSF or visit SPACEFORCE.COM.