Space Force Planning Task Force

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Atmospherics as of 28 Oct 19:

Authorization:

- House NDAA establishes a US Space Corps as 6th branch of the Armed Forces within the Department of the Air Force (transition period beginning 1 Jan 21). SFPTF, DoD OGC, ASD/LA, and Air Force concur language allows for establishment of an ISFS to continue to plan for 1 Jan 21 implementation.

- Senate NDAA establishes US Space Force, but not as a 6th branch of the Armed Forces. SFPTF, DoD OGC, ASD/LA, and Air Force concur language does not prohibit establishment of a “robust planning staff” as represented by ISFS UMD to plan for the USSF reorganization within the Air Force.

Appropriations:

- HAC-D marks provide $13.5M “for expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary to study and refine plans for the potential establishment of a Space Force as a branch of the Armed Forces.”

- SAC-D marks funded the DoD’s requested amount of $72.4M for the Space Force

Space Policy Directive 4:

- The Department of Defense shall take actions under existing authority to marshal its space resources to deter and counter threats in space, and to develop a legislative proposal to establish a United States Space Force as a sixth branch of the United States Armed Forces within the Department of the Air Force.

- Consolidate existing forces and authorities for military space activities, as appropriate, in order to minimize duplication of effort and eliminate bureaucratic inefficiencies.
“Adapt national security organizations, policies, doctrines, and capabilities … to marshal space resources to deter and counter threats in space …

“Consolidate existing forces and authorities for military space activities.”

“Include both combat and combat support functions

“Assume responsibilities for all major military space acquisition programs and will manage a distinct budget

“Create the appropriate career tracks including operations, intelligence, engineering, science, acquisition, and cyber.”

“Fundamentally transform … space from a combat support function to a domain of competition and potential conflict.”

“Existing space forces, units, personnel, capabilities, and budgets will be transferred…including elements for operations, acquisition and systems development, training and education, and other functions, as appropriate”

“Leverage existing USAF infrastructure, except in performing those functions that are unique to the space domain or that are central to the independence of the new Military Service.”

“Serve as the lead Military Service for space, synchronizing space doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, facilities, and policy (DOTMLPF) for DoD.”

“Establish … new support elements such as education, training, doctrine, and personnel management centers.”
If authorized, the Secretary of the Air Force will be responsible for two separate and distinct Military Services: The U.S. Space Force and U.S. Air Force.

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Source: OSD Strategic Overview to Congress, February 2019
As defined in the DoD-approved Initial Work Plan, the USSF is being built incrementally using a 5-year, 5-phased approach to minimize risk to force and mission.

**USSF Initial Work Plan Phases**

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**Phase 1: Design**
- Design ISFS

**Phase 2: Pre-Establishment**
- Develop Preliminary/USSF Macro-Org Design
- Enactment in Law (notional)

**Phase 3: Establishment**
- Stand up ISFS
- ISFS Establishment
- Design, Build, Establish ISFS

**Phase 4: IOC**
- Decision on Final Macro-Organizational Design
- IOC Declaration & USAF Force Transfer
- Prepare for IOC and USAF Force, Mission, & TOA transfer

**Phase 4A**
- Prepare for transfer of other Services’ and relevant Agencies’ Personnel, Missions, & TOA

**Phase 4B**
- Other Service & Relevant Agency Personnel Transfer

**Phase 5: FOC**
- Establish FOC: Complete Organizational Alignment/Realignment
- FOC Declaration

*Initial Operational Capability
**Full Operational Capability