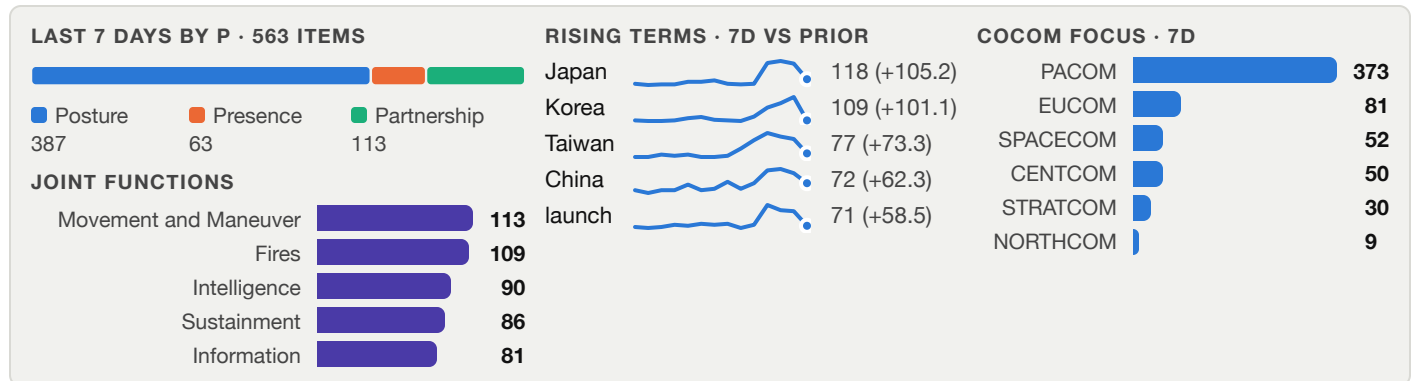


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SPACEPAC · Theater Joint Force Space Component
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BLUF — New CSO Gen. Schiess set three priorities at AFA — Guardian ethos, arm and grow the force, integrate Guardian power at scale — and warned a CR past 1 Oct risks one in ten Space Force programs. CJCS told the same conference to assume U.S. formations are tracked and jammed; COMSPACECOM still lacks the means to hold adversary space systems at risk. Attention: the 24 Sep Xi-Trump summit may carry mil-mil or arms-control terms.



Posture Force structure, capability fielding, readiness, basing, budget/legislation, adversary threats that drive how the force is arrayed.

Caine: US Must Prepare for Forces to Be 'Tracked in Real Time'

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-09-16

CJCS Gen. Dan Caine told AFA that U.S. forces must assume they will be tracked in real time, jammed across the spectrum, and hunted by AI-enabled autonomous systems (Air & Space Forces Magazine).

So what: Adversary real-time custody is space-enabled: TJFSCC must contest adversary ISR while protecting friendly PNT and SATCOM.

PACOM SPACECOM Intelligence Command and Control USSF AI & Data

Chief of Space Operations Schiess outlines priorities to strengthen Space Force combat power

U.S. Space Force · 2026-09-16

New CSO Gen. Schiess set three AFA priorities: Guardian ethos, arming and growing the force, integrating Guardian power at scale; a CR past 1 Oct imperils one in ten USSF programs (Breaking Defense).

So what: The CSO's priorities and the CR risk bound what SPACEPAC can field in FY27.

SPACECOM PACOM Command and Control Sustainment USSF Policy & Budget

Space Force's GMTI program gets a name, with Northrop as prime: General

Breaking Defense · 2026-09-16

Space Force named Northrop prime on space-based GMTI and said first commercial SDA contracts are due "very soon" (Breaking Defense); the DAF stood up a Space Technology Portfolio Executive.

So what: Orbital GMTI and commercial SDA feed theater targeting; SPACEPAC should shape how that data reaches PACOM.

SPACECOM PACOM Intelligence Command and Control USSF Emerging Space Tech

Space Force announces Commercial Solutions Opening strategy for Satellite Communications Augmentation Resource program

U.S. Space Force · 2026-09-16

The Space Force opened a Commercial Solutions Opening strategy for its Satellite Communications Augmentation Resource program to grow satellite C2 capacity (spaceforce.mil, echoed by SSC).

So what: Satellite C2 capacity limits theater users if Pacific links are contested.

SPACECOM PACOM Command and Control Sustainment USSF SATCOM

■ Presence Forces operating forward: deployments, exercises, operations, patrols, transits, HADR, launches in support of theater ops.

SPACECOM needs more capabilities to target space adversaries: Whiting

Breaking Defense · 2026-09-16

Gen. Whiting said SPACECOM needs more capability to hold adversary space systems at risk and is building baseline SDA and SATCOM capacity for cislunar operations (Breaking Defense).

So what: COMSPACECOM's stated gap is the demand signal TJFSCC works against when advising COMSPACEPAC.

SPACECOM Fires Intelligence USSF On-Orbit Threats

Japan Air Self-Defense Force Recon Drone Crashes into Sea of Japan

USNI News · 2026-09-16

A JASDF RQ-4 from Misawa lost communications and crashed into the Sea of Japan north of Tottori on 15 Sep (USNI News); Japan's Global Hawk fleet drops by a third.

So what: Allied high-altitude ISR in the northern theater just fell, increasing pull on space-based ISR.

PACOM Intelligence Command and Control Japan / ROK Allies & Partners

Space weather: WATCH: Geomagnetic Storm Category G1 Predicted

NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center · 2026-09-15

NOAA SWPC watch: G1 (minor) geomagnetic storming 16-17 Sep, below G1 on 18 Sep; supersedes prior watches.

So what: Below the threshold that degrades theater SATCOM or GPS; watch if activity climbs.

SPACECOM Intelligence Protection Space Weather SATCOM

■ Partnership

Allies, partners, FVEY, combined exercises, agreements, data-sharing, industry and interagency partnerships.

China, US may unveil measures to boost military ties when Xi visits Washington

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-09-17

China and the U.S. are weighing mil-mil announcements for Xi's 24 Sep Washington visit, possibly restarting arms-control talks suspended in 2024 (SCMP; unconfirmed).

So what: A reopened channel would frame SPACEPAC partner engagement and could carry counterspace terms.

PACOM STRATCOM Command and Control Information China / PLA Taiwan

Warning against Japan's military build-up surfaces at Beijing Xiangshan conference

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-09-17

Defence Minister Dong Jun avoided Taiwan and the South China Sea at the Xiangshan Forum; panellists warned against Japan's build-up toward 3-3.5 percent of GDP (SCMP).

So what: Beijing pairs a soft summit-eve tone with pressure on Japan, whose budget shapes allied space work.

PACOM Information Intelligence China / PLA Japan / ROK

N. Korea blasts S. Korea-U.S. defense talks on WMD response

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-09-16

North Korea denounced ROK-U.S. WMD talks and called its nuclear status irreversible (Yonhap).

So what: Signals continued DPRK testing pressure on missile warning and SATCOM support.

PACOM STRATCOM Fires Information DPRK Japan / ROK

Hawaii National Guard helps Super Garuda Shield STAFFEX mark milestone, prepare for first CPX

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command · 2026-09-15

Multinational staff at Super Garuda Shield 2026 wrote the exercise's first staff-produced operations order during a STAFFEX in Bandung; a first CPX follows next year (INDOPACOM).

So what: Where the CPX is built is where theater space effects enter partner planning.

PACOM Command and Control Movement and Maneuver Exercises Allies & Partners

WATCH LIST

- Xi-Trump summit 24 Sep: space/counterspace terms.
- FY27 appropriations against a CR from 1 Oct.
- First commercial SDA contracts, due "very soon".
- Japan midterm budget toward 3-3.5% of GDP.

AI & DATA — FROM THE AI FEED

The Air Force is standing up "Megatron," a multi-award IDIQ — the procurement on-ramp for the DAF Battle Network's ~50 programs of record (DefenseScoop).