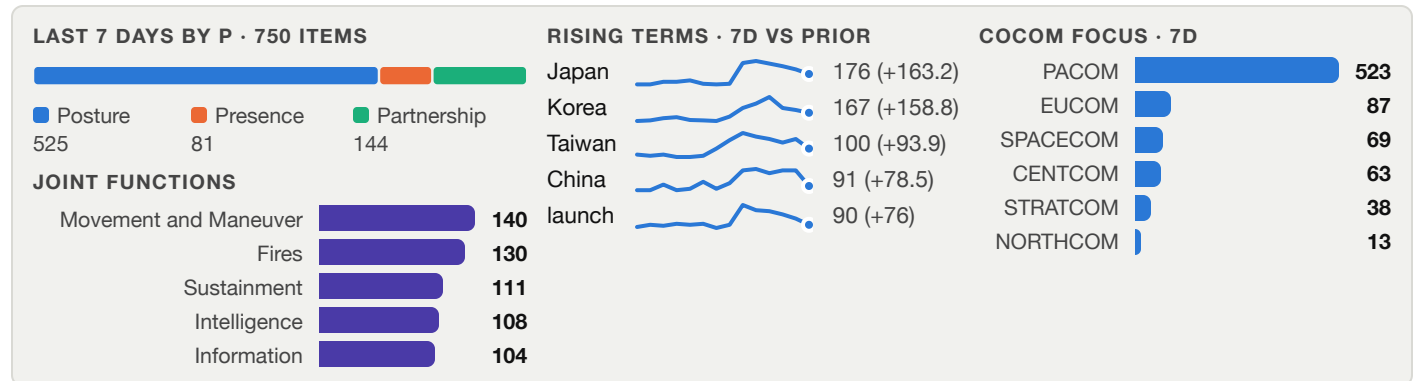


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BLUF — Posture moved on GEO custody: SSC and DIU awarded GHOST-R prototype contracts for commercially derived GEO reconnaissance satellites, and Space Force Mission Delta 2 began prototyping software to fuse commercial and military space-tracking data for space control.



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

DIU and Space Systems Command award GHOST-R prototype contracts to support GEO recon capabilities for Department of War

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SSC and DIU awarded GHOST-R prototype contracts on 18 Sep for commercial small satellites that track friendly and adversary spacecraft in GEO (Northrop, True Anomaly).

So what: A commercial GEO custody layer widens the SDA picture TJFSCC can task and share with partners.

Space Force to prototype new software to fuse commercial, military space tracking data

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Mission Delta 2 commander Col. Barry Crocker told Breaking Defense the unit is prototyping software to fuse commercial and military space-tracking data for space control.

So what: Fused custody data is the feed TJFSCC needs for theater space control and releasable warning.

US space weapons move has 'broken taboo', could spark new arms race, Beijing forum told

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-09-19 [PACOM](#) [Information](#) [China / PLA](#) [On-Orbit Threats](#)

Xiangshan Forum speakers in Beijing said US space weapons broke a long-held taboo and risk an arms race, and called for US-China space security dialogue (SCMP).

So what: PRC framing of US space capability as destabilizing shapes TJFSCC messaging through the summit.

Cape Canaveral is building up its counter-drone defenses, Space Force says

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SLD 45 commander Col. Brian Chatman told Defense One that JIATF 401 will field counter-small-UAS capability at Cape Canaveral within weeks (109 launches there last year).

So what: Spaceport counter-UAS is the same protection problem SPACEPAC must advise on for theater sites.

Presence

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

VIDEO: China Coast Guard Rams Philippine Fisheries Vessel in South China SeaUSNI News · 2026-09-18 [PACOM](#) [Movement and Maneuver](#) [China / PLA](#) [Allies & Partners](#)

China Coast Guard cutter 21585 rammed Philippine fisheries vessel Magat Salamat 54 nm off Palawan, inside the Philippine EEZ, on 18 Sep during a fuel run (USNI News).

So what: Each gray-zone incident raises demand for releasable overhead MDA support to the Philippines.

USNI News Western Pacific Pulse: Sept. 18, 2026USNI News · 2026-09-18 [PACOM](#) [Movement and Maneuver](#) [Allies & Partners](#) [Exercises](#)

The Abraham Lincoln CSG transited the Surigao Strait into the Philippine Sea on 15 Sep; JS Fuyuzuki and HMAS Sydney ran Nichi-Gou Trident 26-2 there 12-14 Sep (USNI).

So what: Carrier and allied surface activity is the near-term demand signal for SATCOM, PNT and warning.

China Is Moving Toward a New Form of Coercion at SeaThe Diplomat · 2026-09-18 [PACOM](#) [Movement and Maneuver](#) [China / PLA](#) [Taiwan](#)

The Diplomat assesses China is pushing patrols into new waters near Taiwan, regularizing them, and deploying research vessels capable of military reconnaissance.

So what: Persistent PRC maritime presence expands the area TJFSCC must cover with space-based MDA.

Is Africa becoming a 'testing ground' for Chinese power projection?South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-09-19 [AFRICOM](#) [Movement and Maneuver](#) [China / PLA](#) [Exercises](#)

Six PLAAF J-16s deployed to Egypt last month for a joint exercise, the type's first known deployment to Africa, training against French-built Rafales (SCMP).

So what: PLAAF long-range deployments signal expeditionary reach TJFSCC should factor into warning.

Partnership

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

North Korean hackers infect thousands of devices across 100 countries as part of 'WaterPlum' campaignThe Record (Recorded Future) · 2026-09-17 [PACOM](#) [Information](#) [Cyber Operations](#) [DPRK](#)

FBI and DoW issued a joint advisory with Japan, Australia and Germany on WaterPlum, DPRK actors posing as AI firms to rob job applicants; 30,000+ devices hit (Record).

So what: A working four-nation channel against DPRK; the job lure directly threatens Guardians.

US, Japan, Australia Showcase Strong Partnership at Orient Shield 2026 Opening CeremonyU.S. Pacific Command · 2026-09-17 [PACOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Allies & Partners](#) [Exercises](#)

U.S. Army Pacific, the JGSDF and the Australian Army opened Orient Shield 26 at Camp Higashi-Chitose, Hokkaido, on 17 September (USINDOPACOM).

So what: A trilateral exercise in Hokkaido is a chance to integrate space effects with two key partners.

US weighs delaying Taiwan arms sales until after Apec and G20 summitsSouth China Morning Post (China) · 2026-09-18 [PACOM](#) [Intelligence](#) [Taiwan](#) [China / PLA](#)

SCMP, citing unnamed sources, reports the US may postpone major Taiwan arms sale announcements until after the November APEC summit in Shenzhen; no official confirmation.

So what: Timing of Taiwan assistance shapes partner expectations; treat as unconfirmed until announced.

NASA Invites Media to Albania Artemis Accords Signing CeremonyNASA News Releases · 2026-09-18 [SPACECOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Allies & Partners](#) [Policy & Budget](#)

NASA announced Albania will sign the Artemis Accords at NASA Headquarters on 21 September, becoming the 73rd signatory.

So what: Signatory growth is the norms baseline for TJFSCC's responsible-behavior talking points.

WATCH LIST

- Xi state visit to Washington next week — watch for the Xiangshan space-security dialogue call as a deliverable
- Kim's 'most destructive' artillery call (Yonhap, 19 Sep) — watch for a test that stresses missile warning.
- Reported delay of Taiwan arms sales until after APEC (SCMP, single-sourced) — confirm before briefing.
- Orient Shield 26 continues in Hokkaido — watch for space effects integration and releasability precedents.