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BLUF — Posture (capability): China added Guowang LEO broadband satellites and tested orbital laser links; North Korea test-fired submarine-launched cruise missiles. Presence (execution): Ukraine says SpaceX restored on-the-move Starshield after drone missions failed (The Record). Attention: a Kyiv official says the US threatened to stop sharing Russian missile-launch warning (Japan Times); warning and SATCOM access can be cut by policy.

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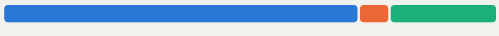

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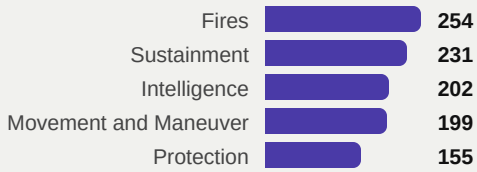

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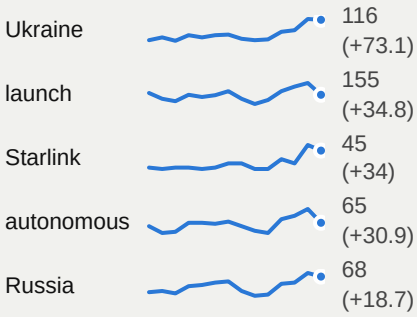

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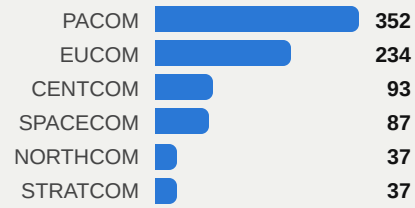

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Chinese launches boost Guowang constellation, add space computing sats

SpaceNews · 2026-10-15 Capability PACOM Command and Control China / PLA

China launched Long March 12 and Zhuque-2E rockets in the past week, adding Guowang broadband satellites and testing orbital computing and laser links (SpaceNews).

So what: A growing PRC LEO SATCOM layer gives the PLA resilient C2 that theater SDA must track.

North Korea fires cruise missiles from a submarine as October launches mount

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-14 Capability PACOM Fires DPRK

North Korea says it tested two types of submarine-launched strategic cruise missiles on 14 Oct, the latest of several October tests (Stars and Stripes).

So what: Low-flying, sea-launched cruise missiles cut warning time for theater missile warning.

CSO Notice to Guardians: Lines of Effort for the Force

U.S. Space Force · 2026-10-14 Force SPACECOM Command and Control USSF

The CSO issued a service-wide notice to Guardians setting three Lines of Effort that will guide the Space Force during his tenure (USSF).

So what: Service LOEs set the force-offering and training priorities SPACEPAC must align to.

U.S. military debuts new Task Force Easy to enable drone tech ‘adaptation dominance’

DefenseScoop · 2026-10-14 C2 & authorities Command and Control Emerging Space Tech

DOD stood up Task Force Easy to field drones and small UGVs; its parent DAWG is now Joint Task Force-Autonomous Warfare, reporting to DRPM-UxS (DefenseScoop).

So what: New autonomy command lines will draw on SATCOM and PNT the theater must deconflict.

High Altitude Balloons Are A “Game-Changing” Capability: Army Space Command Boss

The War Zone · 2026-10-14 Capability CENTCOM Intelligence Emerging Space Tech

SMDC's Lt. Gen. Rafferty called high-altitude balloons 'game-changing'; the Army sent balloons slated for a Pacific swarm test to CENTCOM operations (TWZ).

So what: Stratospheric ISR could backfill satellite coverage, but the Pacific test was deferred.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Ukraine says Elon Musk's Starshield service partially restored after restrictions disrupted drone missions

The Record (Recorded Future) · 2026-10-14 Execution EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

A Ukrainian MoD source says SpaceX restored on-the-move Starshield service days after restrictions disrupted front-line drone missions (The Record).

So what: Commercial SATCOM in live operations can be cut by policy; plans need alternate paths.

Army looking to expand its new space operations branch amid increasing demand for capabilities

DefenseScoop · 2026-10-14 C2 CENTCOM Command and Control Electronic Warfare

SMDC says Army space teams are embedded at every echelon in CENTCOM and it plans survivable space interdiction from the first and second island chains (DefenseScoop).

So what: Army space interdiction in the island chains needs TJFSCC tasking and deconfliction.

US Army generals propose larger-footprint, more frequent military exercises in Korea

Defense News · 2026-10-14 Exercises PACOM Command and Control Japan / ROK

USFK's Gen. Brunson proposed shifting Korea's command-post-heavy exercises to distributed drills from Jeju to Gyeonggi, citing Ukraine lessons (Defense News).

So what: Distributed drills are a venue to practice operating through degraded SATCOM and PNT.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Ukraine accuses U.S. of helping Russia as missiles hit Kyiv

The Japan Times · 2026-10-14 Share EUCOM Intelligence Russia

A senior Kyiv official said the US recently threatened to stop sharing intelligence on Russian missile launches as missiles hit Kyiv (Japan Times, France 24).

So what: Warning shared by policy can be withdrawn; allies will weigh that before they depend on it.

BlackSky Renews HEO Deal, Adds Gen-3 Imagery for Space Domain Awareness

Payload · 2026-10-15 Operate PACOM Intelligence On-Orbit Threats

Australian firm HEO renewed a seven-figure BlackSky deal and can now task Gen-3 satellites to image objects in orbit; tasking is fully automated (Payload).

So what: Allied commercial non-Earth imaging is an operating SDA source the TJFSCC can draw on.

New Zealand to help Fiji overhaul intelligence agencies

The Straits Times (Asia) · 2026-10-14 Share PACOM Intelligence Allies & Partners

Fiji enlisted New Zealand's intelligence agency to help overhaul its security sector after US warnings of suspected China-linked cyber intrusions (Straits Times).

So what: A reformed Fijian intelligence service widens FVEY-aligned sharing in the South Pacific.

AFRL Partners with Virgin Galactic to Gather Data on Space Weather Data

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-14 Share SPACECOM Intelligence Space Weather

AFRL signed a two-year CRADA with Virgin Galactic to collect space weather data at 60–110 km from SpaceShip flights starting next year (Air & Space Forces).

So what: Data on the layer that disrupts GPS signals could sharpen PNT degradation forecasts.

Army adds CAML Light to launcher family, teams with Australia

Inside Defense · 2026-10-14 Plan PACOM Fires Allies & Partners

The Army added a light variant to its autonomous multi-domain launcher family, developed with Australia on an accelerated schedule (Inside Defense).

So what: Co-developing launchers with Australia moves combined fires toward common kit.

WATCH LIST

- USSF-481 on Falcon 9 from Vandenberg, 2357Z 15 Oct; GPS PRN17 maintenance outage 15 Oct, 1530–2330Z.
- Keen Sword 27 opens 19 Oct as the Liaoning carrier group operates in the Philippine Sea.
- ROK Hoguk field exercise starts next week; Taiwan MND is watching for large-scale PLA drills.
- CISA deadline for the exploited Ivanti Connect Secure flaw is 16 Oct; Army Project Gatekeeper starts 23 Oct.