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BLUF — Posture (authorities): two U.S. officials say the order to slow Ukraine's Starshield came from inside the White House, so a policy call can throttle partner SATCOM. Presence: USARPAC will rebuild Korea exercises around EW and deception, and JTF-Gold is setting Golden Dome C2 roles. Partnership held at Operate with the 16th U.S.-Philippine MCA. Attention: patch exploited BeyondTrust and Fortinet appliances (CISA).

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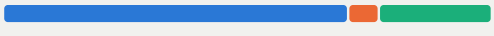

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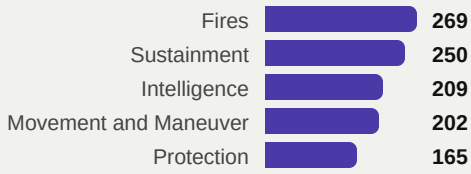

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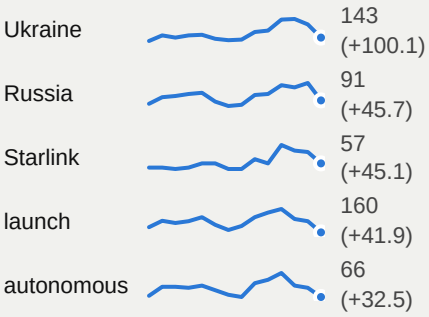

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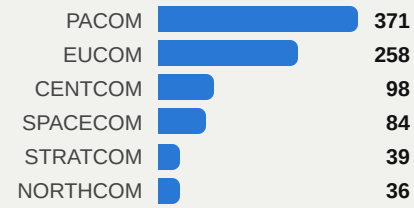

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Order to limit Starshield for Ukraine came from inside White House, sources say

Defense News · 2026-10-16 **C2 & authorities** EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

Two U.S. officials say the order to slow Ukraine's Starshield came from inside the White House; Kyiv says on-the-move service works only below 160 kph (Defense News).

So what: A policy call, not the operator, can throttle the commercial SATCOM a partner fights with.

Army Lays Out New Plan for Prolonged Fight in First Island Chain

USNI News · 2026-10-16 **Force** PACOM Sustainment China / PLA

Army 'How the Army Fights' guidance sets prepositioned stocks, hardened C2 and MDTFs with EW and cyber inside the First Island Chain for a prolonged fight (USNI News).

So what: Army MDTFs will need space forces presented for targeting and SATCOM from day one.

CISA Adds Two Known Exploited Vulnerabilities to Catalog

CISA Advisories · 2026-10-16 **Resilience** CYBERCOM Protection Cyber Operations

CISA added exploited Fortinet and BeyondTrust Remote Support flaws to KEV; CyberScoop says PRC group UNC5221 has used the BeyondTrust zero-day since late August.

So what: Remote-support and VPN appliances on command and partner networks are live targets.

How Taiwan’s new AI satellite system aims to speed up early warning against PLA moves

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-17 **Capability** PACOM Intelligence Taiwan

Taiwan will buy a US$1.45M AI satellite-imagery system that flags PLA ships, aircraft and missile launchers across 100 sq km within minutes (SCMP).

So what: Adds space-based warning on PLA moves that could cue joint and combined sensing.

Marine Corps establishes its first medium-range missile battalion

Task & Purpose · 2026-10-17 **Force** PACOM Fires China / PLA

The Marine Corps redesignated 1/10 Marines as its first medium-range missile battalion, built on NMESIS anti-ship missiles; 12th MLR on Okinawa also fields NMESIS.

So what: Ground-based anti-ship fires lean on space-based maritime targeting.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Meet the Task Force Trying to Turn Golden Dome Into Reality

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-16 C2 NORTHCOM Command and Control Missile Warning / Defense

NORTHCOM's 100-person JTF-Gold is sorting Golden Dome ops-center roles and building a cyber defense team; its next operator planning sprint is late October.

So what: Golden Dome C2 roles set now shape how missile warning data reaches theater commanders.

What The Army's Pacific Commanders Are Learning From Ukraine And Iran Conflicts

The War Zone · 2026-10-16 Exercises PACOM Command and Control Electronic Warfare

USARPAC's Gen. Clark says Korea exercises will shift from large command posts to Ukraine-style threats, using EW, camouflage and deception against sensors (TWZ).

So what: An opening to write degraded space conditions into Army exercise design in Korea.

Starlink speed restrictions ground interceptors as Russian strikes batter Ukraine

ABC News Australia · 2026-10-17 Execution EUCOM Protection SATCOM

Ukraine says Starlink speed limits grounded interceptor drones as Russian strikes hit; Zelenskyy says military access is still not fully restored (ABC, Guardian).

So what: SATCOM limits cut a partner kill chain mid-fight; plan joint fires for that loss.

The Army's Plan For Employing LUCAS Kamikaze Drones Against Its Adversaries

The War Zone · 2026-10-16 Planning PACOM Fires China / PLA

MDC-PAC is modeling LUCAS one-way attack drones to open windows in PLA A2/AD for the joint task force; 7th ID now trains their employment at JBLM (TWZ).

So what: Long-range strike modeling needs space ISR and targeting inputs at the planning stage.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Philippine, U.S. Forces Conduct Maritime Cooperative Activity

U.S. Pacific Command · 2026-10-16 Operate PACOM Movement and Maneuver Allies & Partners

U.S. Navy and Philippine forces held the 16th Maritime Cooperative Activity in the Philippine EEZ on 14 Oct with USS Warrior and frigate BRP Miguel Malvar.

So what: Recurring combined patrols keep the Philippine partnership at Operate in the SCS.

South Korea official says shifting goalposts could block wartime command transfer from US

The Straits Times (Asia) · 2026-10-14 Plan PACOM Command and Control Japan / ROK

ROK MND says shifting conditions for wartime OPCON transfer could make it impossible; Minister Kang raised concerns over USFK commander remarks (Straits Times, Yonhap).

So what: OPCON terms set who commands combined space support on the peninsula.

Hegseth Welcomes U.K. Counterpart to Pentagon

Department of War · 2026-10-15 Share EUCOM Command and Control FVEY

Secretary Hegseth hosted UK Defence Secretary Wes Streeting at the Pentagon on 15 Oct; Streeting then spoke at CSIS on the future of U.S.-UK defence cooperation.

So what: Senior FVEY dialogue sustains the base for UK space work in the Indo-Pacific.

Japan taps foreign tech to plug defence gaps as China's power grows. Will it pay off?

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-16 Share PACOM Sustainment Japan / ROK

Japan is buying foreign tech to close defense gaps, confirming a Ukrainian interceptor drone contract as the GCAP consortium expands design work in Japan (SCMP).

So what: Japan's wider supplier base opens more entry points for shared space and C-UAS work.

WATCH LIST

- Keen Sword 27 opens 19 Oct with the Theodore Roosevelt CSG and MUSV Seahawk at Yokosuka.
- Starshield limits: watch for who in the White House gave the order and the Senate push for a DoD IG review.
- JTF-Gold holds its next Golden Dome operator planning sprint in late October.
- FPDA exercise Bersama Lima 26 field phase runs to 23 Oct; Keris Woomera 26 (AUS-IDN) ends 20 Oct.