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BLUF — Posture (capability): six NSSL missions have shifted from Vulcan to SpaceX, leaving national security launch on one provider while ULA's anomaly review runs. Posture (resilience): new detail shows Kosmos 2612 ran a planned RPO on a commercial ISR satellite serving Ukraine. Partnership: the Quad leaders' summit is confirmed for Manila. Attention: a single-provider launch manifest puts timelines for theater satellite replenishment at risk.

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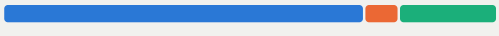

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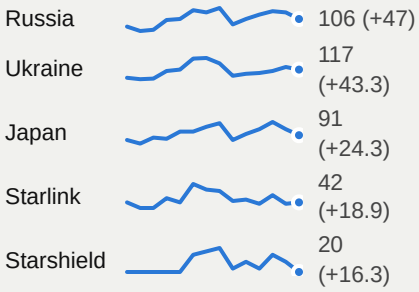

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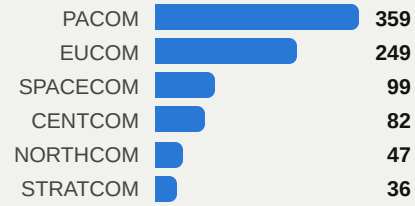

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Six Space Force missions launched with SpaceX as ULA continues anomaly investigation

Inside Defense · 2026-10-22 **Capability** SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

USSF has moved six NSSL missions from ULA Vulcan to SpaceX since April, starting with a GPS III launch, while ULA investigates its anomaly (Inside Defense).

So what: Assured access now rests on one provider; theater satellite replenishment timelines carry risk.

What a Russian Satellite Stalking a Commercial Spacecraft Means for the Space Force

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-21 **Resilience** SPACECOM Protection On-Orbit Threats

LeoLabs calls Kosmos 2612's 15-19 Oct approach to ICEYE-X36 a planned RPO; ICEYE says its constellation is built for resilience (Air & Space Forces Magazine).

So what: Commercial ISR supporting a partner is now a target; SPACEPAC must plan to protect it.

China readies first commercial resupply craft, first booster reflight, and next landing attempt

NASASpaceflight · 2026-10-21 **Capability** PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

China plans its first booster reflight, has upgraded BeiDou, and is readying domestic service on its two broadband megaconstellations (NASASpaceflight).

So what: Faster PRC launch, PNT and SATCOM growth widens the threat SPACEPAC sensing must cover.

Microsoft pins ConnectWise supply-chain attack to China-state aligned threat group

CyberScoop · 2026-10-21 **Resilience** CYBERCOM Protection Cyber Operations

Microsoft tied the ConnectWise supply-chain attack to PRC-aligned Storm-0940, which used the ARTEX AI agent framework against defense and government tenants.

So what: AI-automated PRC intrusions hit defense suppliers; harden third-party access to C2 networks.

Space Force Needs Third Launch Range by 2030, Acquisition Leader Says

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-21 **Capability** SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

SSC's Lt. Gen. Garrant said USSF needs a third medium/heavy launch range by 2030, called the date aspirational, and formed a planning team (Air & Space Forces Magazine).

So what: A third range adds launch capacity and resilience for reconstituting theater space capability.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group Sails in the Philippine Sea for Keen Sword Drills

USNI News · 2026-10-22 **Exercises** PACOM Movement and Maneuver Exercises

The Theodore Roosevelt CSG sailed with Japanese, Australian, Canadian and French warships in the Philippine Sea on 21 Oct for Keen Sword 27 (USNI News).

So what: Keen Sword is the venue to rehearse space support to combined maritime operations.

Could US advances in drone command give it an edge over the PLA in a Taiwan conflict?

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-22 **Execution** PACOM Command and Control Emerging Space Tech

The U.S. disclosed two tests this month commanding uncrewed aircraft over long ranges, incl. an F-22 pilot directing a YFQ-44A CCA in flight (SCMP).

So what: Distributed uncrewed C2 in the Pacific relies on assured links SPACEPAC must integrate.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Xona Raises $250M Series D to Scale Commercial GPS Constellation

Payload · 2026-10-22 **Plan** PACOM Movement and Maneuver PNT / GPS

Xona raised $250M for a ~258-satellite commercial PNT constellation; service starts in 2027, with Army, Navy and Air Force integration tests planned next year (Payload).

So what: Commercial PNT moves toward planned integration as a hedge against GPS jamming in theater.

Quad confirmed, Manila envoy signals likely ‘Squad’ talks before Trump-Xi summit

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-22 **Share** PACOM Information Allies & Partners

Washington confirmed the first Quad leaders' summit in over two years on the ASEAN sidelines in Manila; the Philippine envoy signaled 'Squad' talks (SCMP).

So what: Leader-level Quad and Squad meetings set the political frame for regional space sharing.

Satellites underpin almost a fifth of British GDP

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-21 **Share** SPACECOM Command and Control FVEY

UK minister Pollard said satellites underpin 18% of UK GDP and the new UK Space Strategy and Defence Investment Plan commit £3.2B to the sector (UK Defence Journal).

So what: UK funding for SKYNET 6A and DARC with the U.S. and Australia grows FVEY space to share.

Philippines exploring deeper cooperation with Taiwan to protect cables

The Japan Times · 2026-10-21 **Share** PACOM Protection Allies & Partners

The Philippines is exploring deeper cooperation with Taiwan to protect undersea cables amid Chinese gray-zone pressure on both (Japan Times).

So what: Cable protection talks open a path to share SDA and alternate SATCOM paths with partners.

S. Korea, U.S. conclude multinational maritime mine warfare exercise off Busan

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-10-21 **Train** PACOM Movement and Maneuver Allies & Partners

South Korea and the U.S. concluded a multinational maritime mine warfare exercise off Busan (Yonhap).

So what: Combined ROK-U.S. training continues despite DPRK threats over allied drills.

Eutelsat exploring GEO life-extension mission with ClearSpace

SpaceNews · 2026-10-20 **Share** SPACECOM Sustainment Emerging Space Tech

ClearSpace signed an agreement on 20 Oct with Eutelsat to explore extending the life of an aging Eutelsat GEO satellite by up to 10 years (SpaceNews).

So what: Commercial GEO life extension could keep partner SATCOM capacity available longer.

WATCH LIST

- PRC Long March 6A and 4B launches with undisclosed payloads are scheduled for 23 Oct.
- Keen Sword 27 runs to 29 Oct: track Typhoon Champi impacts and PLA ISR near Japan's southwest islands.
- Quad summit in Manila: watch for space, maritime domain awareness or undersea cable deliverables.
- Ukraine Starlink: Zelenskyy expects reconnection 'maybe in 48 hours'; watch for a DoD answer to Congress.