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**BLUF** — Posture (resilience): the State Department told the UN that Kosmos 2612's approach to a commercial SAR satellite matches on-orbit weapons operations (Defense News). Posture (capability): SpaceX declined three military launches while ULA's Vulcan anomaly review runs (Ars Technica). Partnership moved to Operate as SSC put six commercial SDA firms, incl. Australian and Canadian, under surge contract. Attention: no launch provider is taking new NSSL work.

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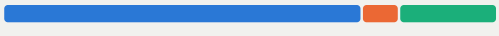

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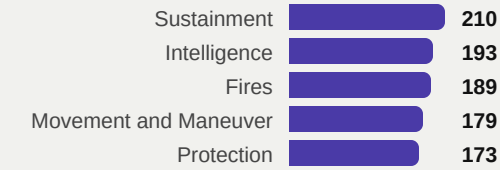


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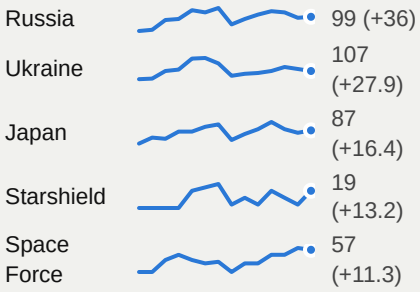


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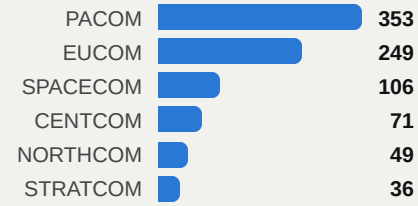


## Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

### ‘The West can’t stop me’: Space wars heat up as Russia tails a Ukraine-linked US satellite

Defense News · 2026-10-23 **Resilience** SPACECOM Protection On-Orbit Threats

At the UN, State's DiNanno said Kosmos 2612's approach to ICEYE-X36 is consistent with on-orbit weapons operations; Russia called concerns unfounded (Defense News).

**So what:** Washington has named the threat; SPACEPAC must plan to defend commercial ISR in theater.

### Rocket Report: SpaceX says no thanks to military launches; Spanish rocket nearly ready

Ars Technica (Space) · 2026-10-23 **Capability** SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

SpaceX turned down three military launch contracts the Space Force offered it, Ars Technica reports, while ULA investigates its Vulcan anomaly.

**So what:** No provider is taking new NSSL work; theater satellite replenishment has no firm ride.

### Army Activates Air Defense Guam Battalion Focused on Chinese, North Korean Threats

USNI News · 2026-10-23 **Force** PACOM Protection Missile Warning / Defense

The Army activated 3-43 ADA on Guam on 16 Oct to replace rotational Task Force Talon with Patriot, THAAD and IFPC against PRC and DPRK missiles (USNI News).

**So what:** A permanent Guam defense unit will lean on missile warning that SPACEPAC must deliver.

### Space Force shifts into high gear on cislunar warfare, with RFIs coming soon

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-22 **Capability** SPACECOM Intelligence USSF

Gen. Stephen Purdy said USSF wants cislunar capabilities fielded by the end of FY2029, with RFIs coming soon (Breaking Defense).

**So what:** Cislunar money competes with the theater sensing and SATCOM gaps SPACEPAC needs closed.

### Exclusive: DoD Taps Orbital Operations for Cryogenic Spacecraft Demo

Payload · 2026-10-23 **Resilience** SPACECOM Movement and Maneuver Emerging Space Tech

DoD awarded Orbital Operations up to $35M to demo Astraeus, a cryogenic vehicle meant to maneuver within hours of a command (Payload).

**So what:** Rapid on-orbit maneuver would let theater satellites dodge RPO threats like Kosmos 2612.

### China’s first aircraft carrier forms ‘evolving pattern’ of voyages in disputed Asian seas

Defense News · 2026-10-23 Capability PACOM Movement and Maneuver China / PLA

PRC carrier Liaoning led a task group into the western Pacific on 14 Oct, drilled near Japan's southern islands and is headed toward the Philippines (Defense News).

**So what:** Routine PLAN carrier deployments widen the maritime target set theater space ISR must track.

## Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

### US Army long-range fires make a splash on the frontline with China

Defense News · 2026-10-22 Execution PACOM Fires Exercises

Army HIMARS now train from Palawan to Hokkaido, including an anti-ship role in Balikatan and a Keen Sword site 150 miles from Taiwan (Defense News).

**So what:** Long-range fires on the first island chain need space-enabled targeting synchronized to them.

### Space Force eyes fivefold expansion of Middle East command

SpaceNews · 2026-10-19 C2 CENTCOM Command and Control USSF

The Space Force is weighing a fivefold expansion of its Middle East component command, SpaceNews reports.

**So what:** Wartime growth of SPACECENT is a model for sizing SPACEPAC's staff for the CCDR.

### NPS Selects Nine R&D Projects for Digital Trident II Initiative

ExecutiveGov · 2026-10-22 Planning PACOM Command and Control AI & Data

NPS picked nine Digital Trident II projects, including SPECTRAL space domain awareness and AI agents for Pacific-focused wargaming (ExecutiveGov).

**So what:** AI wargaming agents are a way to put space effects into Pacific COA analysis.

## Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

### SSC Awards CASR Agreements to establish Commercial SDA Surge Capability

Space Systems Command · 2026-10-22 Operate SPACECOM Intelligence USSF

SSC awarded six CASR deals for commercial SDA surge, incl. Australia's EOS and Canada's NorthStar; all six already support the JCO cell (Air & Space Forces Magazine).

**So what:** Commercial and FVEY trackers move from steady-state support to contracted surge in a crisis.

### U.S., Australia, U.K. Launch Maritime Demonstration to Enhance Interoperability

Department of War · 2026-10-22 Train PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

The U.S., Australia and the U.K. began Maritime Big Play Pacific off Southern California to advance AUKUS interoperability (DoW).

**So what:** AUKUS crews train together; space support should be part of the next iteration.

### Mark Carney Says Starlink Manipulation in Ukraine War Worries Canada

Bloomberg (Politics) · 2026-10-23 Depend EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

Canada's Carney called Starlink limits on Ukraine a concern and a reason to cut reliance on any one nation (Bloomberg); Ukraine is eyeing its own network (SpaceNews).

**So what:** Partners are hedging single-vendor SATCOM; theater plans need backups to Starlink.

### III MEF Expeditionary Operations Training Group, ROK service members conduct multidomain reconnaissance course

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-22 Train PACOM Intelligence Allies & Partners

III MEF and ROK forces run the Multi Domain Reconnaissance Course across South Korea from 21 Oct to 6 Nov (INDOPACOM).

**So what:** Combined recon training with the ROK is an entry point for space-enabled ISR.

**WATCH LIST**

- Long March 4B with an undisclosed payload is set to launch from Jiuquan at 1925 UTC today.
- Kosmos 2612 holds 400 km behind ICEYE-X36; Integrity ISR flags ICEYE-X37 as the next possible target.
- Keen Sword 27 runs to 29 Oct; track Typhoon Champi impacts on Japan and the joint drill.
- Launch: watch for a USSF answer on who flies the three missions SpaceX declined and Vulcan's return date.