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BLUF — Posture (resilience): the Space Force moved missile-warning and cislunar missions from Vulcan to Falcon Heavy (SpaceNews). Posture (authorities): sources say two administrations asked SpaceX to switch Starlink on or off by country, and Musk says Kyiv broke its terms. Presence: PLAN carrier Liaoning closed on the Keen Sword area. Attention: a commercial provider still decides who keeps SATCOM in a fight.

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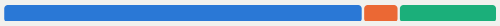

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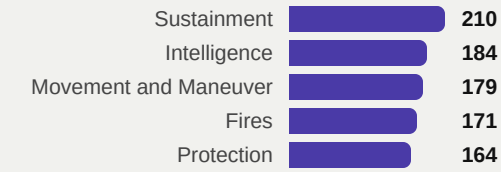

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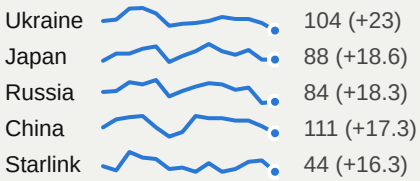

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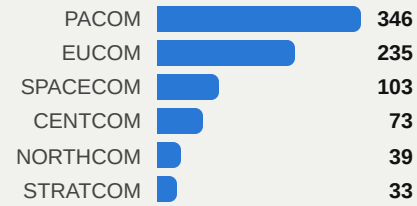

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Space Force shifts missile-warning, cislunar missions from Vulcan to Falcon Heavy

SpaceNews · 2026-10-24 **Resilience** SPACECOM Intelligence Launch

SpaceNews reports the Space Force has moved missile-warning and cislunar missions from ULA's Vulcan to SpaceX's Falcon Heavy.

So what: Keeps missile-warning sats on schedule but leaves heavy launch resting on one provider.

U.S. has for years asked Musk to alter Starlink service in Ukraine and Middle East, sources say

The Japan Times · 2026-10-23 **C2 & authorities** EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

Sources told the Japan Times two U.S. administrations asked SpaceX to switch Starlink on or off in some countries; Musk says Kyiv broke its terms of service (BBC).

So what: Shows a commercial provider, not the CCDR, decides who keeps SATCOM in a fight.

Funding, force-structure issues could hinder Hegseth's new autonomous command

Defense One · 2026-10-25 **Force** CYBERCOM Command and Control AI & Data

Defense One: AUTOWARCOM's $54B start-up rides on a reconciliation bill in doubt; only the Army has named a component. A plan of action is due end of October.

So what: A new COCOM without forces or money will compete for the same scarce operators.

Air Force Research Lab Demonstrates Rocket Cargo Delivery

Department of War · 2026-10-22 **Capability** PACOM Sustainment USSF

AFRL tested Rocket Cargo point-to-point delivery on a commercial rideshare launch from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (DoW).

So what: Space-based resupply could reach dispersed Pacific forces faster than airlift.

Chinese, Russian aircraft challenges to Japan's airspace at 3-year high

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-18 **Capability** PACOM Intelligence Japan / ROK

JASDF pilots scrambled 442 times against incoming aircraft from April to September, a three-year high driven by PRC and Russian flights (Stars and Stripes).

So what: Rising PRC and Russian air activity near Japan raises demand for allied warning and SDA.

Marine Corps establishes first NMESIS medium missile battalion

Inside Defense · 2026-10-20 **Force** PACOM Fires Policy & Budget

The Marine Corps redesignated 1/10 Marines at Camp Lejeune on 9 Oct as its first NMESIS medium missile battalion for long-range maritime strike (Inside Defense).

So what: Ground-based anti-ship fires add theater demand for space-enabled targeting.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

China’s Liaoning carrier and USS Theodore Roosevelt may be in Philippine Sea at same time

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-25 Exercises PACOM Movement and Maneuver China / PLA

Philippine outlet BNC says PLAN carrier Liaoning reached 25 nm off Balut Island before turning northeast on 23 Oct, toward the U.S.-Japan Keen Sword area (SCMP).

So what: Keen Sword forces must assume PLA ISR is watching how they use space support.

The US Army Looks to the Pacific – and Space – for Future Relevance

The Diplomat · 2026-10-21 Execution PACOM Fires China / PLA

The Diplomat says Army leaders are building tools for a possible fight with China and see space assets as critical to that fight.

So what: Army space tools must be synchronized with joint fires through the TJFSCC.

Army feels ‘growing pains’ as it integrates Anduril NGC2 tech with older comms

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-19 C2 Command and Control Emerging Space Tech

The Army is joining Anduril's NGC2 tech to older comms; Brig. Gen. Shane Taylor said "it wasn't seamless, and we learned a lot" (Breaking Defense).

So what: NGC2 is the Army C2 layer that space liaisons must feed with space data.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Japan, Philippine and U.S. forces conduct multilateral Maritime Cooperative Activity

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-24 Operate PACOM Movement and Maneuver Allies & Partners

The Armed Forces of the Philippines, JMSDF and U.S. Coast Guard conducted a multilateral Maritime Cooperative Activity in the Philippine EEZ on 24 Oct (INDOPACOM).

So what: Trilateral at-sea operations give allied space support a live customer in the SCS.

Kyiv eyes purchase of planned ICEYE, Nokia ‘sovereign’ communication sats

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-23 Share EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

Ukraine signed a letter of intent to buy planned ICEYE and Nokia 'sovereign' comms satellites after U.S. limits on its Starshield access (Breaking Defense).

So what: Partners are hedging off U.S. commercial SATCOM; a cue for Pacific SATCOM planning.

State Department Taps Trio for $5M Space Diplomacy Push

Payload · 2026-10-20 Share SPACECOM Information Allies & Partners

State's U.S. Mission in Vienna launched Project Constellation, a $5M effort to build international space partnerships, and picked three firms to run it (Payload).

So what: Opens diplomatic channels the command can use to start space sharing with new partners.

S. Korea President Lee says country capable of taking back wartime command of combined US forces

The Straits Times (Asia) · 2026-10-19 Plan PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

ROK President Lee said Seoul can take back wartime command of combined forces from the U.S.; Korean media say Seoul favors 2028 (Straits Times).

So what: OPCON transfer reshapes where combined space requirements are set on the peninsula.

USFK commander calls for more frequent combined drills with S. Korea throughout year

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-10-20 Train PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

The USFK commander called for more frequent combined drills with South Korea spread throughout the year (Yonhap).

So what: More combined drills mean more chances to train allied staffs on space support.

WATCH LIST

- GPS PRN18 maintenance outage 29 Oct 2100Z to 30 Oct 0900Z (NANU 2026097); check theater PNT users.
- Keen Sword 27 ends 29 Oct; track PLAN carrier Liaoning's group in the Philippine Sea.
- CCP plenum in Beijing 26-29 Oct; watch for PLA leadership or space program changes.
- AUTOWARCOM plan of action and milestones is due at the end of October (Defense One).