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BLUF — Posture (resilience): U.S. intelligence assesses China could field directed-energy weapons in orbit by the late 2020s (SpaceNews), a threat to theater ISR, SATCOM and PNT satellites. Presence (C2): Army Pacific says the Pacific Mission Network now shares target-quality data with Japan and Australia. Partnership (plan): USS Colorado will open SRF-West in 2027. Attention: identify which theater satellites an orbital laser would degrade first.

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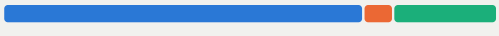

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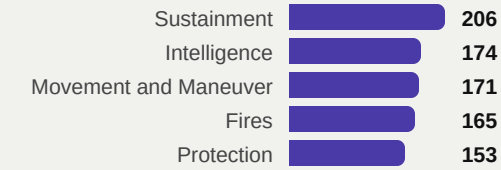

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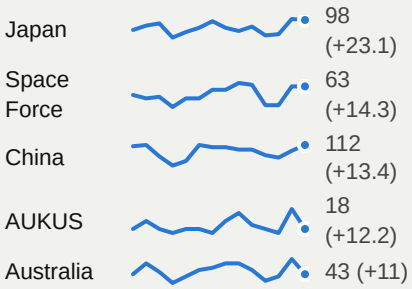

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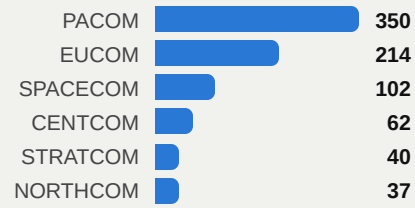

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

China could field directed-energy weapons in orbit by late 2020s, U.S. intelligence says

SpaceNews · 2026-10-26 Resilience SPACECOM Fires On-Orbit Threats

U.S. intelligence assesses China could field directed-energy weapons in orbit by the late 2020s and warns of expanding Chinese and Russian space weapons (SpaceNews).

So what: Contests theater ISR, SATCOM and PNT satellites; hardening and dispersal need priority.

OSMOS X Tapped to Lead EDF-backed Tactical Capture Consortium

Payload · 2026-10-27 Capability EUCOM Fires On-Orbit Threats

The EU Defence Fund picked France's OSMOS X to lead a 7-member, €4.5M, 30-month study of a craft to capture hostile satellites; it ends at design review (Payload).

So what: An allied counter-RPO option, years out, against approaches like Kosmos 2612 on ICEYE.

Space Force Wants Cislunar Kit Ready to Launch by 2029

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-26 Capability SPACECOM Intelligence USSF

Maj. Gen. Purdy said USSF will issue two cislunar RFIs, one for hardware ready to launch by 2029, with a $30M Lunar Prime challenge (Air & Space Forces Magazine).

So what: Extends SDA beyond GEO to track PRC lunar and cislunar activity.

Taiwan vows vigilance as Beijing releases detailed satellite imagery of island landmarks

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-27 Capability PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

Beijing released high-resolution satellite images of Taiwan landmarks; Taiwan's defense minister said Taipei will stay vigilant against PRC collection (SCMP).

So what: Shows PRC space ISR resolution over Taiwan; feeds the theater targeting threat picture.

Is China's H-6K strategic bomber getting powerful jamming capabilities?

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-26 Resilience PACOM Information Electronic Warfare

Unverified social media photos show a PLA H-6K bomber carrying two jamming pods like the J-16D's RKZ930, SCMP reports.

So what: Would add stand-off jamming against allied radars and datalinks in a Taiwan fight.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

At last, Army seeing progress in Pacific network

Defense One · 2026-10-26 C2 PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

USARPAC's Gen. Clark said mission partner enclaves on the Pacific Mission Network now pass target-quality data and a common picture with allies (Defense One).

So what: A shared allied picture where space inputs can reach land C2 decisions.

Exercise Beverly Sunrise 27-01

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-26 Exercises PACOM Fires Exercises

The 35th Fighter Wing and joint partners ran Exercise Beverly Sunrise 27-01 at Misawa, 19-23 Oct, to sustain operations and project power in a contested environment.

So what: A venue to rehearse Misawa operations through degraded SATCOM and PNT.

US, Japan rehearse coordinated strikes to challenge PLA control of waters near Taiwan

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-27 Execution PACOM Fires Exercises

In Keen Sword 27, U.S. and Japanese forces rehearsed coordinated anti-ship strikes, mobile missile moves and runway repair across Kyushu and the southwest islands (SCMP).

So what: Dispersed allied strikes depend on space targeting, PNT and SATCOM in sync.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

U.S. Navy Taps Attack Boat for 2027 Australian AUKUS Assignment

USNI News · 2026-10-26 Plan PACOM Movement and Maneuver Allies & Partners

The Pentagon named USS Colorado (SSN-788) the first boat for Submarine Rotational Force-West at HMAS Stirling from 2027 under AUKUS Pillar I (USNI News).

So what: Sets a dated AUKUS rotation; Perth-based boats will need theater SATCOM and PNT.

UK sets pace on new undersea sensors to detect threats, as AUKUS partners test advanced kit in San Diego

UK Ministry of Defence · 2026-10-27 Train PACOM Intelligence Allies & Partners

The UK will lead three AUKUS undersea sensor payloads for uncrewed vehicles after a week of testing at the Maritime Big Play exercise in San Diego (UK MOD).

So what: Takes AUKUS Pillar II into joint testing; seabed sensing joins the allied picture.

Space Force Builds Commercial SDA Reserve Through Six CASR Awards

ExecutiveGov · 2026-10-26 Plan SPACECOM Intelligence USSF

USSF made six Commercial Augmentation Space Reserve awards for surge commercial SDA through GSA's ACCESS contract, expanding a $1.1M 2025 pilot (ExecutiveGov).

So what: Moves commercial SDA from pilot to a contracted surge plan the theater can call on.

Marine Rotational Force Concludes Deployment to the Outback

USNI News · 2026-10-27 Train PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

MRF-D 26.3 ended the 15th rotation to Australia; its 2,000 Marines and sailors were certified as a Special Purpose MAGTF for the first time (USNI News).

So what: A certified force training with Australia that space support can plug into.

Japan's 2026 Defense White Paper

USNI News · 2026-10-27 Share PACOM Information Allies & Partners

Japan released its 2026 Defense White Paper on 26 Oct; it calls the security environment the greatest trial since WWII and cites opaque PRC military growth (USNI News).

So what: Sets Tokyo's threat baseline for alliance space and SDA cooperation talks.

WATCH LIST

- GPS NANU: PRN18 maintenance outage forecast 29 Oct 2100Z to 30 Oct 0900Z.
- Hegseth in the Philippines for ASEAN defense meetings this week; watch for space or SDA deliverables.
- Milsat Symposium, Mountain View, 28-29 Oct; Defence in Space Conference, London, ends 28 Oct.
- USSF cislunar RFIs described as imminent; track release dates and SDA content.