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BLUF — Posture (capability): DIA's space threat report says China has tripled its satellite fleet since 2018 and confirms a PRC spaceplane in orbit (Breaking Defense). Presence (planning): USARPAC is preparing the theater for a possible PRC move on Taiwan next year (Stars and Stripes). Partnership (share): Hegseth proposed a US-ASEAN defense framework. Attention: the Roosevelt CSG and Makin Island ARG are reportedly bound for CENTCOM (The War Zone).

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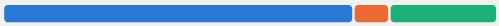

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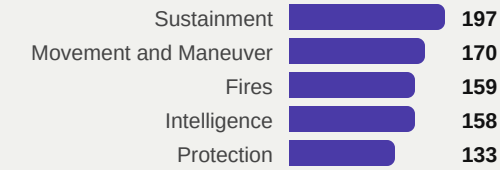

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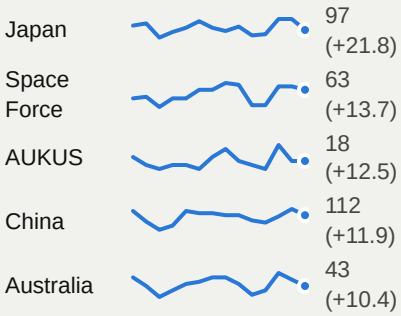

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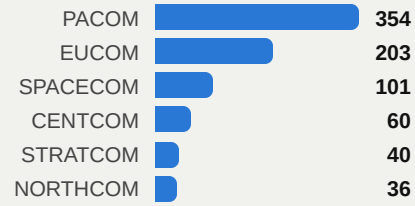

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

China has tripled its satellite fleet since 2018 as expansion continues: DIA

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-27 **Capability** PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

DIA's third unclassified space threat report says China has tripled its satellite fleet since 2018 and details PRC, Russian, Iranian and DPRK counterspace growth.

So what: Sets the threat baseline for the theater sensing, SATCOM and PNT mix SPACEPAC must defend.

U.S. Intel Confirms This Is China's Secret Spaceplane

The War Zone · 2026-10-27 **Resilience** PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

DIA confirmed an image shows a PRC reusable spaceplane with an open bay; TWZ says its fourth mission, launched 7 Feb, is still in orbit and has released an object.

So what: Payload release in orbit contests theater satellites and demands persistent SDA custody.

Where Are The Aircraft Carriers?: October 27, 2026

The War Zone · 2026-10-27 **Force** PACOM Movement and Maneuver Exercises

TWZ, citing Fox News, says the Theodore Roosevelt CSG and Makin Island ARG are bound for CENTCOM after Keen Sword 27, which ends 29 Oct.

So what: Fewer joint forces in theater shifts space support demand and planning assumptions.

DOD's CDD for the Resilient MW/MT MEO Epoch 2 RP program

Inside Defense · 2026-10-27 **Resilience** SPACECOM Protection USSF

Inside Defense posted USSF capability documents for Resilient MW/MT MEO Epoch 2, the Tranche 1 Tracking Layer and the Transport Layer, cleared 24 Sep.

So what: Spreads missile warning across orbits, hardening theater warning against PRC counterspace.

Researchers uncover Volt Typhoon's covert, ephemeral network

CyberScoop · 2026-10-28 **Resilience** CYBERCOM Protection China / PLA

Black Lotus Labs says Volt Typhoon's 'Silent Train' rotates compromised edge devices, rebuilt in under two minutes, to reach telecom, defense and government networks.

So what: Contests the ground and telecom links theater space C2 depends on; harden edge devices.

Pentagon to Give Startup Stoke Space $150M Loan for New Launch Pad

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-27 Capability SPACECOM Sustainment Launch

DoD's Office of Strategic Capital plans a conditional $150M loan for a second Stoke Space pad at Cape Canaveral; Nova's first launch is planned for early 2027.

So what: More national security launch capacity speeds replenishment of theater space capability.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

US Army Pacific plans for possibility of war over Taiwan next year

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-27 Planning PACOM Command and Control China / PLA

Gen. Clark said USARPAC has prepared the theater on the assumption China will have the capacity, and possibly the intent, to seize Taiwan by force next year.

So what: Space effects must be in theater plans and COAs now, built to a 2027 timeline.

US Army looks to high-flying balloons to help see, strike along front lines with China

Defense News · 2026-10-27 Exercises PACOM Intelligence Emerging Space Tech

MDC-P tested high-altitude balloons in Valiant Shield and Orient Shield; its commander said they can sustain collection and targeting if space assets are lost.

So what: Shows the Army practicing to fight through space loss; align HAB and space ISR planning.

US, South Korea begin 2 weeks of airpower training over the peninsula

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-27 Exercises PACOM Fires Japan / ROK

U.S. and ROK forces began Freedom Flag, a two-week biannual air exercise to test combined operational capability and exchange tactics, Stars and Stripes reports.

So what: An opening to inject degraded SATCOM, PNT and warning conditions into combined air ops.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Hegseth proposes 'ambitious' US-ASEAN defence framework at Philippine summit

CNA (Asia) · 2026-10-27 Share PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

At ASEAN meetings in the Philippines, Hegseth proposed a new US-ASEAN defense cooperation framework with stronger maritime awareness and naval coordination, CNA reports.

So what: A framework to share maritime awareness opens a path to share space-derived data.

KS27: U.S. and Japanese Airmen build readiness through combined training

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-27 Train PACOM Sustainment Japan / ROK

The 909th Air Refueling Squadron and 718th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron trained with Japanese Airmen at Komaki Air Base for Keen Sword 27.

So what: Combined training at JASDF bases builds habits space integration can ride on.

Shield Space Launches UK Space Superiority Coalition

Payload · 2026-10-28 Share EUCOM Protection FVEY

Shield Space formed a UK commercial coalition proposing a swarm-interceptor force for UK and NATO; its Project SPEAR demo is not yet approved, Payload reports.

So what: An FVEY commercial counterspace option to track; it has not reached Plan.

Japan Confirms Dispatch to India to Explore Anti-Ship Missile Drills

The Diplomat · 2026-10-27 Plan PACOM Fires Japan / ROK

Japan confirmed a dispatch to India to explore anti-ship missile drills, reflecting training limits posed by its expanding arsenal, The Diplomat reports.

So what: Japan-India fires planning widens the partner web space targeting support must reach.

WATCH LIST

- GPS NANU: PRN18 maintenance outage forecast 29 Oct 2100Z to 30 Oct 0900Z.
- India's GSLV NVS-03 NavIC launch 30 Oct 1821Z; Falcon 9 USSF-432 2 Nov 0156Z.
- Keen Sword 27 ends 29 Oct; Freedom Flag runs two weeks over the Korean Peninsula.
- US-ASEAN defense framework: watch for maritime awareness or space data-sharing deliverables.