

SPACE SYSTEMS COMMAND



MISSION

LINEAGE

Space Systems Division established and activated, 20 Mar 1961

Organized, 1 Apr 1961

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1967

Space and Missile Systems Organization established and activated, 25 May 1967

Organized, 1 Jul 1967

Redesignated Space Division, 1 Oct 1979

Redesignated Space Systems Division, 15 Mar 1989

Both Space Systems Divisions consolidated, 7 Aug 1989

Redesignated Space and Missile Systems Center, 1 Jul 1992

Status changed from unit of the United States Air Force to field command of the United States Space Force, 22 Apr 2021.

Redesignated Space Systems Command, 13 Aug 2021

STATIONS

Los Angeles, CA, 1 Apr 1961
Los Angeles AFS (later, AFB), CA, 25 Apr 1964

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Force Systems Command, 20 Mar 1961
Air Force Materiel Command, 1 Jul 1992
Air Force Space Command (later, United States Space Force; Space Operations Command), 1 Oct 2001
United States Space Force, 22 Apr 2021

COMMANDERS

Maj Gen Osmond J. Ritland, 1 Apr 1961
Lt Gen Howell M. Estes Jr, 14 May 1962
Maj Gen Ben I. Funk, 3 Oct 1962
Maj Gen Paul T. Cooper, 1 Sep 1966-30 Jun 1967
Lt Gen John W. O'Neill, 1 Jul 1967
Lt Gen Samuel C. Phillips, 1 Sep 1969
Lt Gen Kenneth W. Schultz, 25 Aug 1972
Lt Gen Thomas W. Morgan, 29 Aug 1975
Lt Gen Richard C. Henry, 28 Apr 1978
Lt Gen Forrest S. McCartney, 1 May 1983
Lt Gen Aloysius G. Casey, 9 Oct 1986
Lt Gen Donald L. Cromer, 24 Jun 1988
Lt Gen Edward P. Barry Jr, 8 Jul 1991
Lt Gen Lester L. Lyles, 17 Nov 1994
Lt Gen Roger G. DeKok, 19 Aug 1996
Lt Gen Eugene L. Tattini, 13 Aug 1998
Lt Gen Brian A. Arnold, 25 May 2001
Lt Gen Michael A. Hamel, 20 May 2005
Lt Gen John T. Sheridan, 16 May 2008
Lt Gen Ellen M. Pawlikowski, 3 Jun 2011
Lt Gen Samuel A. Greaves, 19 Jun 2014
Lt Gen John F. Thompson, 22 May 2017
Brig Gen D. Jason Cothorn, 1 Aug 2021
Lt Gen Michael A. Guetlein, 13 Aug 2021

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards

1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1987

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995

1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2007

1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2009

1 Oct 2012-30 Sep 2013

1 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2014

1 Jan 2015-31 Dec 2016

1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018

EMBLEM



Approved, 2 Aug 2002

Space Force emblem approved, 14 Jun 2022.

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OPERATIONS

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