

MISSION

The Center for Space and Defense Studies will continue the innovative work of the Center for the Study of Defense Policy, but informed by a new recognition of the vital role of space in national defense.

The mission is to provide the intellectual foundation for the integration of space policy in the overall national security policy of the United States, define the curriculum for space policy studies in higher education, and produce successive generations of Air Force officers with a vocation for space.



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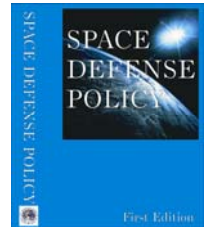
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GOALS

- Develop an intellectual foundation for the evolution of space policy, strategy and doctrine to help integrate space into the overall defense policy of the United States
- Provide a broad range of materials on space and defense policy for use in higher education and professional development in the public and private sectors
- Expose future officers to the opportunities and challenges of space and enlist the skills of space professionals in cadet education
- Explore the application and development of technology to assure national security
- Promote the collaboration of a community of military, academic, scientific, and corporate experts to integrate space with American values and national security interests
- Allow the concerns of the private sector to be reflected and its strengths harnessed in the ongoing development of space policy
- Underscore the academic leadership of the Air Force Academy in an area vital to the Air Force and the United States

PROGRAMS

- **Forum on Space and Defense Policy:** An annual three-day event in Colorado Springs bringing together representatives of the military, academic, business, scientific and policy communities
- **Space Defense Policy textbook:** A new text for use in higher education, and in professional development and leadership programs within the Air Force, Department of Defense, and private sector
- **Space and Defense journal:** A new journal continuing the space and defense dialogue of the annual forum
- **Outreach and Internships:** Establish, fund and implement two-way space internships between USAFA cadets and NASA, NRO, Space Command, and others
- **Web Site:** A portal for access to all relevant USG websites dealing with issues of defense and space
- **Continue the work** of the Center's predecessors by producing new editions of *American Defense Policy* and *Comparative Defense Policy*



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Message from the Director

“The collaboration of soldiers, scholars, and scientists studying nuclear deterrence in the 1950s led to a robust evolution of doctrine that shaped national and international policy for the succeeding forty years. Our goal as a Center is to create this same robust dialogue focused on the future of policy in space. We have been academic pioneers before. Our textbooks on American and comparative defense policy continue to define those disciplines for the educational community. New editions of those texts are planned. But the emergence of space as a key element in national security policy has persuaded us of the need for an approach which will integrate space in overall national security strategy and change the way defense policy is studied and taught. By virtue of its access to a broad range of expertise across the physical and social sciences as well as its ties in the Colorado Springs space community, the Air Force Academy is uniquely suited to achieving this goal. The centerpiece of our latest effort will be a new book, *Space Defense Policy*, tailored for use by students and space professionals in the military services, academia, and the private sector. Our yearly forums on space policy, our journal *Space and Defense* and our website will provide arenas for innovative thinking on space policy and serve as a common intellectual meeting place for military officers, policy makers, academics, and representatives of the private sector. All of this is expressive of our founding conviction: that free and open dialogue between all interested parties is essential to the creation of a sound, lasting, and beneficial American role in space.”

--Ambassador Roger Harrison, Director

The United States

Air Force Academy

The staff and faculty of the U.S. Air Force Academy mold outstanding young men and women into future leaders as Air Force officers with knowledge, character, and discipline; motivated to serve their country and lead the world's greatest aerospace force. The Center is an integral part of this mission as it prepares future officers with a vocation for space.



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