



**Enabling the Decisive Advantage**  
**5th Annual U.S. Space Command Legal Conference**  
**Presented by the USSPACECOM Office of the Staff Judge Advocate**  
**and the U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Law**

**Wednesday, 26 Feb 2025**  
**Polaris Hall, USAFA**

- 0800 Coffee and Refreshments (West Seminar Room)
- 0830 Administrative Remarks (Professor Jeff Biller)
- 0840 Opening Remarks: Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Goines, USAF, Department Head, Department of Law, U.S. Air Force Academy  
Colonel Robert Hall, USAF, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Space Command
- 0900 **Keynote: 2020-2030 As A Decisive Decade for the Rules-Based International Order**  
- The Honorable Mallory Stewart, Former Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Arms Control, Deterrence, & Stability
- 0945 Comfort Break
- 1000 **Panel: Developments in International Space Law**  
*Moderator:* Major Matthew Ormsbee, USAF, Director of Space Law (LTWRC), Department of Law, U.S. Air Force Academy  
- Colonel Ted Richard, USAF, Staff Judge Advocate, Space Operations Command  
- Dale Stephens, Professor, Director of the University of Adelaide Research Unit on Military Law and Ethics  
- Charles Stotler, Professor of Practice and Director of the Center for Air and Space Law, University of Mississippi School of Law
- 1100 Comfort Break
- 1115 **Panel: Developments in Military and Government Space Organizations and Capabilities**  
*Moderator:* Joey Roulette, Space Reporter, Reuters  
- Group Captain Edgar Gonzalez, RAAF, Allied Integration, Strategy, Policy and Plans Directorate, U.S. Space Command  
- Colonel Jimmy Gutzman, USAF, Staff Judge Advocate, Space Training and Readiness Command  
- Lieutenant Colonel Felix Torres, USA, Deputy Commandant, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Center of Excellence  
- Clayton Swope, Deputy Director, Aerospace Security Project and Senior Fellow, Defense and Security Department, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- 1215 **Lunch and Networking**  
**Optional Ethics CLE Session, 1230 - 1330**
- 1345 **Panel: Developments in Applying IHL/LOAC to Space Operations**  
*Moderator:* Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Sawmiller, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Space Command  
- Jack Beard, Robert and Joanne Berkshire Professor of Law and Director of the Space, Cyber, and National Security Law Program, University of Nebraska College of Law  
- Jonathan Horowitz, Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross  
- Colonel Matthew King, USAF, Chief, Space Law Division, Headquarters Air Force Operations and International Law Directorate  
- Stefan-Michael Wedenig, Executive Director, McGill Centre and Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University
- 1445 Comfort Break
- 1500 *Lightning Talk:* Cadet First Class Micah Stark – Commercial Space Integration: Strategy, Threat Sharing, and Ukraine  
**Panel: Government and Commercial Space Operations Integration**  
*Moderator:* Lynne Tatro, Legal Advisor, U.S. Space Forces – Space  
- Peter Muend, Director, Commercial Systems Program Office, National Reconnaissance Office  
- Robert Jarman, Associate General Counsel, Aviation and Space Law, Office of Air Force Deputy General Counsel (Intelligence, International & Military Affairs)  
- Erin Miller, Executive Director, Space Information Sharing and Analysis Center  
- Fred Taylor, Jr., Vice President, Space and Cyber Applications, ViaSat
- 1610 Comfort Break
- 1620 **Closing Keynote: Developing the Narrative: A UK Perspective**  
- Air Vice-Marshal Mark Phelps, RAF, Director of Legal Services
- 1650 **Closing Administrative Remarks** (Professor Jeff Biller)
- 1700 Optional No Host Happy Hour (Polaris Hotel – UTC)



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**Thursday, 27 Feb 2025**  
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- 0800 Coffee and Refreshments (West Seminar Room)
- 0830 Administrative Remarks (Professor Jeff Biller)
- 0840 **The Role of Space in Gaining the Decisive Advantage**
  - General Stephen N. Whiting, USSF, Commander, U.S. Space Command
- 0915 Comfort Break
- 0930 **Panel: Military Space Operations as an International Team Sport**

*Moderator:* Lieutenant Commander Blair Kuplic, Chief, National Security Law, U.S. Space Command

  - Wing Commander Kiernan Tinkler, RAF, Legal Advisor, NATO Allied Air Command
  - Flight Lieutenant Stephen Owens, RAF, Legal Advisor, UK Space Command
  - Major Yuhei Saito, JASDF, Legal Staff, Air Staff Office
  - Major Jayne Thompson, Deputy Director, Strategic & Operational Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces
- 1030 Comfort Break
- 1045 **Panel: Legal Issues Arising From Nuclear Weapons in Outer Space**

*Moderator:* Madison Walker, Professor and Stanton Foundation Visiting Scientist, Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy

  - Alex Gilbert, Director, Space & Planetary Regulation, Zeno Power
  - Major Brian Green, USAF, Chief, Space and Operations Law and Space Law Instructor, Space Training and Readiness Command
  - Todd Pennington, Senior Research Fellow for Space Strategy and Policy, Center for Strategic Research, Institute for National Strategic Studies
- 1145 **Lunch and Networking** (Tower Lunch)
- 1345 **Fireside Chat: Building DoD Space Law Capacity to Enable the Decisive Advantage**

*Moderator:* Colonel Jimmy Gutzman, USAF, Staff Judge Advocate, Space Training and Readiness Command

  - Brigadier General Michael D. Tomatz, Director of Operations and International Law, The Judge Advocate General's Corps, Department of the Air Force
  - Brigadier General Eric Widmar, USA, Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1430 Comfort Break
- 1445 **Lightning Talk:** Cadet First Class Matt DeVine – The Manned Orbiting Laboratory's Legacy and the Modern-Day Space Race  
**Panel: Defending the Space Domain-The Growing Space Superiority Mission**

*Moderator:* Major Daniel Beaulieu, USAF, Assistant Professor of Law, U.S. Air Force Academy

  - Charles Galbreath, Senior Fellow for Space Studies, Mitchell Institute
  - Christopher Johnson, Space Law Advisor, Secure World Foundation
  - Matthew Linton, Chief Legal Officer, True Anomaly
  - Dr. Kevin Pollpeter, Director of Research, Department of the Air Force's China Aerospace Studies Institute
- 1550 Comfort Break
- 1600 **Closing Keynote: The Next Five Years in Space Law and Policy**
  - Major General Brian W. Gibson, USA, Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy, U.S. Space Command
- 1630 **Conference Closing Remarks:** Colonel Robert Hall, USAF, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Space Command