

# Happy Birthday, Space Force!

## The VFW salutes the men and women who defend the domain of space – freedom’s final frontier

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**WASHINGTON** – On Dec. 20, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) joins in with our grateful nation in celebrating the fourth birthday of the newest branch of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Space Force.

Established on Dec. 20, 2019, when the National Defense Authorization Act was signed into law, the United States Space Force (USSF) became a separate and distinct branch of the armed services. Responsible for organizing, training and equipping its members to conduct global space operations, USSF is organized under the Department of the Air Force much like the Marine Corps falls under the Department of the Navy. Guardians who wear the Space Force uniform integrate with the rest of the joint force in worldwide operations, protect our nation’s satellites above and space capabilities below from any threat, and strive to gain superiority of Earth’s orbit and beyond.

Please join the more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary in saying “thank you” and “happy birthday” to every American Guardian who defends the domain of space – freedom’s final frontier.

Semper Supra – “Always Above!”

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