# SPACE FORCE

Artificial Intelligence Across The Force

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#### Space Force Professionals Have Expertise In:



As Space Intersects with All Domains, Education and Training Intersect with All Professional Fields

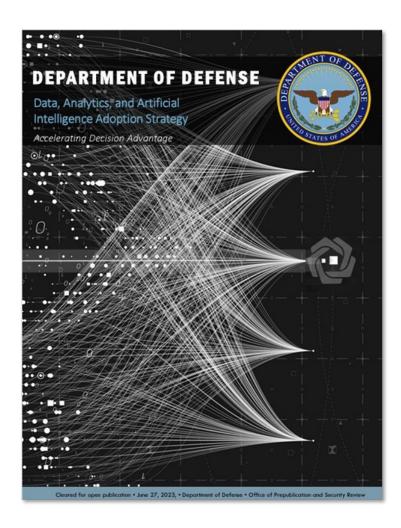
#### Space Force Locations in US



Three Field Commands: Space Operations Command (SpOC) @Peterson, Space Systems Command (SSC) @Los Angeles, and Space Training and Readiness Command (STARCOM) @Peterson. Space Delta XIII HQ at JB Andrews, units at Peterson, Maxwell, and MIT Lincoln Labs



#### **DoD and Joint Chiefs Guidance**



"Responsibly and rapidly realizing the full promise of data, analytics, and Al is not the sole job of a single organization or program; it's on all of us. Providing DoD data as an enterprise resource, for instance, requires more sharing and collaboration, not less. We seek an agile strategic approach that guides decentralized action across DoD, inspires campaigns of learning, and leverages all our people, processes, and enabling technologies." – 2023 Adoption Strategy Foreword



### UNCLASSIFIED CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF NOTICE

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(U) INTERIM JOINT STAFF GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS ON GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS

References: See Enclosure C

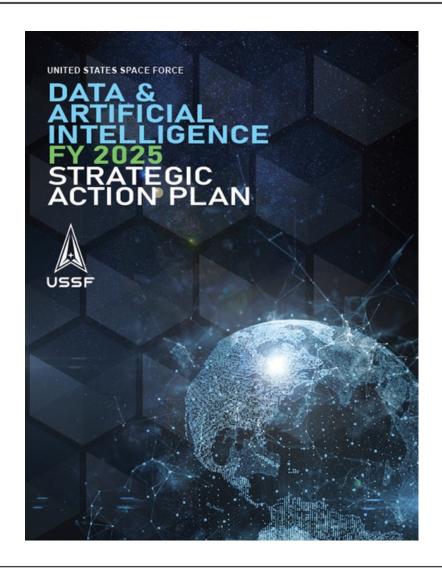
- (U) <u>Purpose</u>. This notice establishes interim guidance for Joint Staff
  personnel on the use of publicly available Generative Artificial Intelligence
  (GenAl) tools on U.S. Government computer systems, ensuring alignment with
  references (a)-(c). It specifies the applicability, definitions, and background,
  emphasizing the need for responsible adoption and risk mitigation of these
  technologies.
- 2. (U) Applicability. This interim guidance applies to all Joint Staff personnel.
- 3. (U) <u>Background</u>. GenAI development, deployment, and use is increasingly widespread in the commercial and government sectors. Reference (d) indicates an intensifying need to leverage the benefits of this technology while mitigating the risks. Responsibly adopting GenAI will ensure the Joint Staff not only adapts to the rapidly evolving technological landscape but develops the expertise and knowledge to remain at the forefront of AI innovation for national defense.
- 4. (U) <u>Responsibilities</u>. Reference (a) states that Department of Defense (DoD) Components are responsible for determining their own use case approval process, risk assessment, and risk mitigation measures. The Joint Staff Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer (CDAO) is the approval authority for these activities within the Joint Staff. Enclosure A provides GenAl guidance, and Enclosure B elucidates the importance of understanding GenAl risks, mitigations, complexity, and capabilities.
- 5. (U) <u>Definitions</u>. Subsection 3.(p) of reference (d) defines GenAI as the class of AI models that emulate the structure and characteristics of input data in

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#### **Space Force Initiatives**

- USSF Data and Al Strategic Action Plan
- USSF AI Innovation and Adoption WG
- Develop roadmap for deploying enterprise Al capabilities
- -Review and validate all USSF use cases in CLARA
- -Host USSF AI innovation Challenge
- -Identify issues related to AI adoption
- -Identify and develop plan to scale AI readiness through workforce programs that Prioritize skill development
- USSF Gen Al Hackathon
- Chief Data and Al Officers at HQSF and at Field Command Levels
  - Chandra Donelson (HQSF)
  - Michael Ficken (SpOC)
  - Tracy Rousseau (STARCOM)
  - Bart Stewart (SSC)





#### **Space Force Education Initiatives**

## **Defense Innovation Unit Bootcamp**

Guardian Al Bootcamp Virtual 1 Week Course May 2025

#### **Training Objectives:**

- (1) Foundational knowledge of Al and its Space Force applications.
- (2) Proficiency in prompt engineering for generative AI systems.
- (3) Practical experience using a humancentered design approach for Al solutions.
- (4) Opportunity to apply learned skills to a capstone project addressing real-world Space Force challenges.



#### **Space Force Education Initiatives**

- In collaboration with USSF Chief Data Officer and USSF Chief Scientist, Space Delta XIII working on potential AI Familiarization Course for civilian Guardian cohort
- In collaboration with AFRL, Space Force received 15 licenses to Pryon where Guardians are test driving the platform to explore functionality
- Undertaking pilot projects utilizing Small Language Models and Retrieval-Augmented Generation to allow discernment and discretion:
  - Education policies and documents OPMEP, Delta XIII Education Vision and Roadmap, Education With Industry Capstones, etc.
  - Upcoming initiative where USSF will be gaining 2000 licenses to AskSage





#### **Places to Get Smart**



**DAU Course CENG 003: AI Foundations for the DoD Credential** 



**Digital University: MIT Horizon** 



**Google: Machine Learning Crash Course** 



**Microsoft: Al For Beginners** 



**IBM**: Al For Everyone



**Stanford: Machine Learning Specialization** 



Harvard: Intro to Artificial Intelligence



Vanderbilt: Prompt Engineering Specialization

