



# ABOUT GUARDIANS

Just like those who serve in the Air Force are called Airmen, those who serve in the Army are called Soldiers and those who serve in the Navy are called Sailors, those who serve in the Space Force are called Guardians.

Guardians is a term that traces back to "Guardians of the High Frontier," which was the command motto of Air Force Space Command, the predecessor to the Space Force.

You can always spot a Guardian by the delta symbol on their uniform. First used in 1961, the Space Force delta honors the heritage of the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Space Command, which used a similar symbol.

Guardians build, operate and protect space systems like GPS satellites that provide worldwide connectivity and security, enabling the American way of life.

Upon its founding, the Space Force accepted members from all military services and is currently comprised of former Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps personnel, as well as new Guardians who were commissioned directly into the Space Force.

The Space Force's mandate is to organize, train and equip space forces in order to protect and defend American interests in space.

There are five professional disciplines for Guardians: acquisition, cyberspace operations, engineering, intelligence and space operations.

Col. Nick Hague was the first Guardian to become a NASA astronaut and go into space.

Guardians are tasked with tracking, cataloging and reporting on over 50,000 objects orbiting our planet, from the international space station and operational satellites to pieces of debris including old rocket boosters and fragments from destroyed satellites.

There are 28 different enlisted, officer and civilian careers to choose from, including Space Systems Operator, Geospatial Intelligence Analyst, Astronautical Engineer and Cybersecurity Specialist.

There are six Space Force bases in the contiguous United States that Guardians call home.

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