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Military to Present “Space as a Contested Environment”

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – A new Special Area of Emphasis (SAE) topic titled “Space as a Contested Environment,” established by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), Admiral Mike Mullen, will be introduced by Air University officials at the 25th National Space Symposium 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2009.

Special Areas of Emphasis are used by the CJCS to address areas of great importance to the joint military community. This SAE highlights the space domain’s emergence as an environment where U.S. superiority has been and will continue to be challenged. The forum will introduce the SAE, bring focus to the subject, and is expected to impact Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) curricula and teachings at military education institutions, across the entire Department of Defense.

Air University’s National Space Studies Center, in concert with the Air Force Space Command Chair to AU, and the National Security Space Institute, worked for the past year with military educators and the Joint Staff at the Pentagon to introduce a space-focused SAE into military education programs.

The event will be attended by members of the U.S. military service branches, military and civilian education institutions, and industry. This event leads into an Air Force Research Institute Symposium on “Space as a Contested Environment,” at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in fiscal year 2010.

Media are invited to attend the event from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Robert Trent Jones Room, at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo., followed by a media conference at 5 p.m. in the Press Conference Room.

Media interested in registering for the event or questions about the event should contact Capt. Ben Sakrisson by phone at (334) 953-3779 or email benjamin.sakrisson@maxwell.af.mil.