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General Shelton takes helm of AFSPC

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Gen. William L. Shelton became the 15th commander of Air Force Space Command in a change-of-command ceremony here today.

General Shelton replaces Gen. C. Robert Kehler, who will take command of the United States Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb.

Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff, presided over the ceremony.

A 1976 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, General Shelton has served in various assignments, including research and development testing, space operations and staff work. He is a master space operator who has commanded at the squadron, group, wing and numbered air force levels, and served on the staffs at major command headquarters, Air Force headquarters and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

As commander of AFSPC, General Shelton is responsible for organizing, equipping, training and maintaining mission-ready space and cyberspace forces and capabilities for North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Strategic Command and other combatant commands around the world. General Shelton also oversees Air Force network operations; manages a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning and space launch facilities; and is responsible for space system development and acquisition.

General Shelton's comes to AFSPC after serving as Assistant Vice Chief of Staff and Director, Air Staff, U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C, where he oversaw the administration and organization of the Air Staff.

Created Sept. 1, 1982, AFSPC provides military focused space capabilities with a global perspective to the joint warfighting team and is the Air Force lead in developing cyberspace capabilities. Providing an

integrated constellation of space and cyberspace capabilities at the speed of need, the command delivers responsive, assured and decisive power to America and its warfighting commands. AFSPC is comprised of more than 46,000 professionals, assigned to 88 locations worldwide and deployed to an additional 35 global locations.