

Critics unimpressed by U.S. Space Force uniform

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The U.S. military has officially unveiled the uniforms for its newly created Space Force. The United States Space Force (USSF) is the space operations branch of the U.S.

Armed Forces. It was officially created alongside the U.S. Space Command when President Donald Trump signed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act in December 2019. Special uniforms have been designed for Space Force personnel, but they have created quite a stir on social media. The uniforms were launched on the Space Force Twitter account. The tweet announced the uniforms had "touched down in the Pentagon". However, the design is the usual camouflage green, black and brown and not camouflaged for space.

The USSF is the sixth branch of the U.S. military. It is America's first new armed service since the establishment of the U.S. Air Force in 1947. President Trump said: "The Space Force will help us deter aggression and control the ultimate high ground. Space is the world's new war-fighting domain. Amid grave threats to our national security, American superiority in space is absolutely vital." Many people thought the force needed a special uniform. Some critics said it needed to be black, so as to blend in with the dark of space. Military officials pointed out that designing new uniforms would be a waste of taxpayers' money and that no combatants would be floating around in space in the near future.

Sources:

[businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) / [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com) / [independent.com](https://www.independent.com)

Writing

All nations need a space force to control space. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

military / uniforms / space / personnel / create a stir / design / camouflage / green / branch / aggression / ultimate / high ground / threats / security / vital / taxpayers

True / False

- a) The U.S. military put a veil on its new Space Force uniforms. T / F
- b) President Trump signed an act to create the Space Force in 2019. T / F
- c) Very few people commented about the uniforms on social media. T / F
- d) The new uniforms are black and dark blue. T / F
- e) The Space Force is the sixth area of the U.S. military to be created. T / F
- f) Donald Trump said American superiority in space is vital. T / F
- g) Military officials don't want to use taxpayers' money to design uniforms. T / F
- h) Space Force combatants will go up into space soon. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. unveiled | a. foundation |
| 2. branch | b. fuss |
| 3. signed | c. servicemen / women |
| 4. stir | d. disguise |
| 5. camouflage | e. essential |
| 6. establishment | f. revealed |
| 7. deter | g. merge |
| 8. vital | h. division |
| 9. blend in | i. prevent |
| 10. combatants | j. penned |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of the idea of a space force?
- b) Why might your country need a space force?
- c) What will a space force do?
- d) What kind of uniform should space force personnel have?
- e) What dangers are there from space?
- f) Would you like to be part of the Space Force?
- g) What training would a Space Force operative need?
- h) What do you think of the green and brown camouflage uniform?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The U.S. military has officially unveiled | a. the U.S. Space Command |
| 2. It was officially created alongside | b. armed service |
| 3. designed for Space Force | c. stir on social media |
| 4. they have created quite a | d. money |
| 5. the design is the usual camouflage | e. the uniforms |
| 6. It is America's first new | f. deter aggression |
| 7. The Space Force will help us | g. as to blend |
| 8. Amid grave threats | h. green, black and brown |
| 9. it needed to be black, so | i. to our national security |
| 10. a waste of taxpayers' | j. personnel |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What kind of war might be fought in space?
- What training would a Space Force operative do every day in space?
- What security threats are there from space?
- How vital is superiority in space?
- What kind of uniform would you design for the Space Force?
- How would you feel about going into space?
- What questions would you like to ask a Space Force member?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. i	8. e	9. g	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Space Force

You think a space force is the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): navy, army or submariners.

Role B – Navy

You think a navy is the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): space force, army or submariners.

Role C – Army

You think an army is the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): navy, space force or submariners.

Role D – Submariners

You think submariners are the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): navy, army or space force.

Speaking – Military

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important military units at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Soldiers | • Space force |
| • Fighter pilots | • Spies |
| • Submariners | • Cyber fighters |
| • Alpine force | • Sailors |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.