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MAJOR GENERAL DAVID D. THOMPSON, VICE COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND ANNOUNCED AS GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY FORUM KEYNOTE AT SATELLITE 2017

Washington, D.C., March 1, 2017 – Maj. Gen. David D. Thompson, Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado will deliver the Government and Military Forum keynote speech at the SATELLITE 2017 Conference and Exhibition in Washington, D.C. The address titled “Enterprise Ground Systems, Resilient Architecture, and Partnerships” will take place on Wednesday, March 8th from 1:45p.m. - 2:45 p.m. in Room 207 of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and is part of the SATELLITE 2017 Government & Military Forum program. The Forum is organized in partnership with the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) and Access Intelligence.

Maj. Gen. Thompson assists the commander of Air Force Space Command with organizing, training, equipping, and maintaining mission-ready space and cyberspace forces and providing missile warning, positioning, navigation and timing, communications and cyber capabilities for North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Strategic Command and the other functional and geographic combatant commands. The command 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. A complete copy of Maj. Gen. Thompson’s bio can be found [HERE](#).

“On behalf of the Satellite Industry Association and its members, we are pleased that Maj. Gen. Thompson will deliver this year’s keynote address for the Government and Military Forum at SATELLITE 2017,” said Tom Stroup, President of the Satellite Industry Association (SIA). “The commercial satellite industry plays an increasingly vital role in supporting America’s warfighter and the Country’s space and cyberspace forces and capabilities. SIA and its membership are delighted that the Vice Commander has chosen to address our industry at SATELLITE 2017.”

SATELLITE 2017 will be held March 6-9, 2017 at Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register, visit www.SATShow.com. To view a copy of the Satellite and Military Forum agenda and program details, please click [HERE](#).

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