

STRATCOM Commander notes shared responsibilities for strategic deterrence

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Gen. John Hyten, Commander, USSTRATCOM, discusses the development of decisive capabilities within all battlefield domains during a lecture with Army War College students in Bliss Hall, May 16.

CARLISLE, Pa. (May 16, 2018) – Everyone is in the game, with respect to the Strategic Command’s responsibilities of strategic defense, space operations, and nuclear deterrence. Every command has its own responsibilities to integrate planning across all battlefield domains, according to the USSTRATCOM commander.

Gen. John Hyten, commander of USSTRATCOM, described the linkages among his command’s mandates and the responsibilities across the Joint Force at all levels, during an engagement with the USAWC student body, here in Bliss Hall, May 16.

It doesn’t matter in what domain a threat originates, because deterrence is not about a place or thing, he said. Deterrence is about an adversary. As example, he noted that you don’t deter space and you don’t fight a war in space; you fight an adversary. The adversary is the focal point for everything.

USSTRATCOM is responsible for command and control of U.S. strategic forces, providing a range of strategic capabilities to deter strategic attack and employ forces.

Hyten's career includes assignments in a variety of space acquisition and operations positions. He served in senior engineering positions on both Air Force and Army anti-satellite weapon system programs. He has been assigned to the Air Force Secretariat, the Air Staff, the Joint Staff and the Commander's Action Group at Headquarters Air Force Space Command as Director.



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