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Building the Space Cadre

The Pentagon has focused much attention on building a “space cadre” in the services. For its part, USAF mounted a major effort to develop such a professional group, whose members have not only the education but also the experience to develop US space power and apply it to combat, intelligence, and other national security missions. Air Force Space Command says that, as of Dec. 1, 2004, it had 7,449 “credentialed” space professionals—5,982 officers and 1,467 enlisted members

with “cadre”-level experience. (Totals for each mission area refer to airmen having “experience” in that area—not the actual number of airmen working in that area. Some have experience in two or more mission areas.) Space Command is struggling to break down the large “other” category into new mission areas.

