



# Joint Functional Component Command for Missile Defense (JFCC IMD)

**Commander**

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In addition to his U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command service component role, LTG Daniel Karbler is also the commander of U.S. Strategic Command's Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense.

## **Background**

JFCC IMD began operations in January 2005 and includes Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Space and Air Force personnel, as well as U.S. government civilians and contractors. The headquarters is located at the Missile Defense Agency's Missile Defense Integration and Operations Center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado. The command's location allows JFCC IMD to leverage MDA's existing infrastructure and ensures a strong partnership with the materiel developer in the execution of the command's assigned responsibilities.

## **Mission**

JFCC IMD synchronizes global missile defense planning in support of the coordinating authority, conducts global missile defense operations support, advocates for and recommends acceptance of missile defense capabilities, and executes joint and combined global missile defense training and education for CDRUSSTRATCOM, in support of the CCMDs, the Services, and appropriate U.S. Government agencies, to deter adversaries, assure allies and defend the United States, deployed forces, allies and partners against missile attacks.

## **Vision**

JFCC IMD is the recognized subject matter expert across the missile defense enterprise in matters of operational support, policy, strategy, training and education. It anticipates and forcefully advocates for the warfighter's global missile defense requirements through engagement and partnering with the Missile Defense Agency, other governmental agencies, the services, combatant commands, and U.S. allies and partners.

## **USSTRATCOM Mission Areas**

Missile defense is a key part of America's national defense strategy to deter threats; assure allies and partners of its commitment to established security frameworks; and to defend the homeland, deployed forces, friends and allies. It becomes even more important in an environment in which missile threats continue to proliferate and expand in range and lethality.

As a critical mission area, global missile defense encompasses missile defense operations, actions and activities that affect more than one combatant commander. This requires synchronization of the affected commands to coordinate effective allocation, deployment and employment of the capabilities necessary to deter, prevent or respond to attacks and to nullify or reduce the effectiveness of a threat.

Given the trans-regional nature of the threat and the low-density, high-demand nature of missile defense platforms and complex architecture of sensors, shooters, and command and control nodes spanning multiple areas of responsibility, combatant commands designated with responsibility for an adversary problem set must approach missile defense from a global perspective. JFCC IMD provides direct support to these efforts.

## **Responsibilities**

In the Unified Command Plan, the president has assigned USSTRATCOM with primary responsibility for Global Missile Defense operational support, which has been delegated to JFCC IMD.

JFCC IMD translates this responsibility into several lines of effort, to include:

- Synchronize global missile defense planning, global force management and missile defense security cooperation activities.
- Conduct global missile defense operations support, to include asset management, alternate execution authority, federated intelligence support and network monitoring and protection.
- Execute above element joint and combined global missile defense training, exercises and experimentation.
- Advocate for and recommend acceptance of global missile defense capabilities, conduct analysis and assessments of current and future capabilities, and support tests.

A strong partnership with the Services and the materiel developers ensures advocacy for future requirements, delivery of tested capabilities and informs decision makers during operational acceptance of those capabilities into the architecture. In partnership with combatant commands, JFCC IMD provides expertise to support planning, joint and combined training, resource allocation recommendations and asset management. All of these key functions are essential to ensure U.S. global missile defenses are postured to support U.S. national defense objectives.

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