



# i5 Detachment Guide

An Overview of i5/ROTC Integration  
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# What is i5?

i5 is a rapidly advancing organization that aims to prepare cadets for a career in the Space Force and the joint force through education, networking, and hands-on operational experience. Created at the United States Air Force Academy in 2019, i5 has grown and developed alongside the Space Force and our commercial partners. Innovating in areas such as research, wargaming, education, digital media production, and networking, i5 has caught the eye of the greater space community.

Collaborating with the Space Force, the Space Force Foundation, the Space Force Association, and NATO, i5 is ready to open up its resources to ROTC units and other service academies through the activation of “i5 detachments” at institutions where cadets are interested in learning more about the space domain.



***i5 Mission:*** To be the premier organization for educating, inspiring, and producing future-focused Air and Space Force officers who are prepared to change the character of warfighting in space.

***i5 Vision:*** To serve as the preeminent institute for developing space-minded leaders ready to lead the future fight in an integrated joint environment.

## i5 Goals

- Educate members on the role of the U.S. Space Force and the importance of the space domain.
- Provide a host of space related opportunities for engagement with the greater space community.
- Foster a diversity of thought on critical space issues facing the nation and the international community.
- Publish research and constructive opinion articles to further the body of thought in space.
- Promote space-mindedness in all members.

### **Benefits of being an i5 detachment:**

Becoming an i5 detachment will provide you and your members with access to a wealth of opportunities within the space community. With the intent to strengthen the connection between space-minded students across the country, USAFA i5 will work with detachments to facilitate connection with military and civilian space leaders, direct mentorship with Space Force Guardians, and research opportunities including contributions to space deterrence policy for NATO.

Additionally, detachments will have the opportunity to further the success of the i5 organization through creativity, diversity of thought, and the implementation of innovative ideas. While we expect this list to grow over time, USAFA i5 is currently able to provide its detachments with access to virtual events such as guest speakers and strat talks, research, guardian mentorship, and brand ownership.

# Current Partners

The below organizations have worked with i5 to create and share undergraduate space education through various programs such as STAR, Azimuth, war-gaming, strat talks, research, etc. i5 looks forward to expanding innovation and space education with the help of more organizations in the future.



STAR HARBOR  
SPACE TRAINING ACADEMY



SPACE FORCE ASSOCIATION



SPACE FOUNDATION



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PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY.



**VT**  
CORPS OF CADETS  
VIRGINIA TECH.  


# Virtual Events

## Guest Speakers

USAFA i5 consistently hosts members of the Space Force and the space community to speak to i5 members about the nature of space as a warfighting domain and their specific areas of expertise such as intel, space domain awareness, engineering, policy and more. i5 also hosts panels of USSF Guardians to discuss their jobs, bases, and daily lives. Below is a list of guest speakers and panels i5 hosted in Fall 2021.

- Colonel Rob Schreiner, ADF Commander, Buckley SFB
- Colonel Jeffrey Greenwood, USSF Delta 13, Det 1 Commander, USAFA
- Major Ty Brackin, USSF Intel Officer, Ptolemy Society
- Major General Ret. Doug Pearson, F-15 ASAT Test Pilot
- USSF Operators Panel
- USSF Engineering/ Acquisitions Panel
- USSF Intelligence/ Cyber Panel

## Strat Talks

i5 Strat Talks are opportunities for members to get together and discuss topics about the space domain. The topic for each strat talk is released several days prior to the event so members have an opportunity to conduct brief research and contribute to discussion. Members do not have to have any prior knowledge on these topics and many attend just to learn more. As an i5 detachment, you will have the opportunity to attend and contribute to these discussions virtually. Below is a list of Fall 21 topics.

Space Mining · Space Law · Chinese Space Capabilities · Space Intel · Russian Space Capabilities

# Research

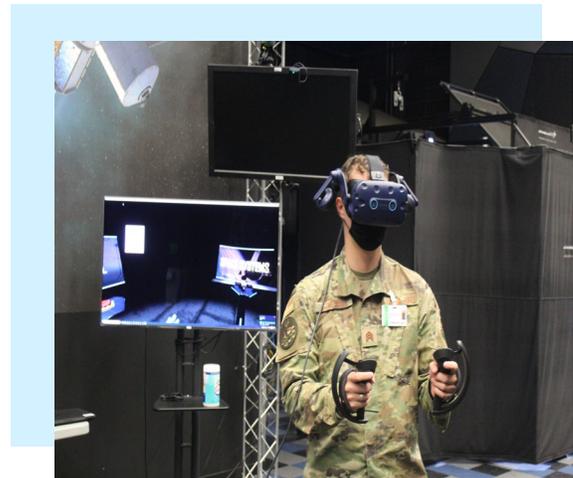
## NATO Project

A major research project known as the NATO Project is a worldwide effort between military officers in NATO countries around the world. i5 members are working with these various international partners to better understand the NATO framework, how deterrence is conducted at the international level, and to prepare us for future discourse on the future of NATO's role within the operation space domain. This multi-year international effort allows for a wide breadth of research opportunities for many different organizations. i5 members are helping develop and define space policy and doctrine for NATO, something that i5 detachments will also be able to contribute to.

## i5 Research Teams

Becoming an i5 detachment means you will have access to our extensive research delta, which currently consists of nine active project teams. You will have the opportunity to join any of these research teams or even create and lead your own research project. The ultimate goal of these research teams is to publish final work with organizations such as the Space Force Foundation, Space Force Association, or other space related publication platforms. i5 research is a great way to establish connections amongst universities and collaborate on important topics relevant to the space domain. Below is a list of current i5 project teams.

- Military on the Moon
- Theoretical Rocketry and Propulsion
- Space Colonization
- Chinese Space Capabilities
- Current Events Opinion Writing
- Space Deterrence
- Space Resources and Debris
- Space Policy
- USSF Astronaut Corps



# Education

## Mentorship

The i5 mentorship program pairs cadets with active duty Space Force Guardians in order to learn more about the newest branch, its different jobs, bases and the daily lives of its service members. Communicating primarily over email and zoom, no matter where you are, you can learn more about a potential career in the Space Force.

## STAR Program (Coming Fall '22)

The USAFA i5 team is currently creating the Space Training and Readiness (STAR) Program, an online, self-paced, educational course covering principles of guardianship, the creation, organization, and function of the Space Force and USSPACECOM, applications of space power, and the science behind space operations.

Set to kick off in Fall of 2022, the STAR program will be available to i5 detachments and is a unique opportunity to receive educational content on the space domain tailored specifically for future Guardians. Even if your members are not planning to pursue the Space Force, this course will be beneficial to all warfighters, providing important information on a vital support domain for the joint force.



# i5 Brand

## The i5 Brand

Becoming an i5 Detachment means access to digital branding such as logos as well as the brand recognition we have established within the space community. i5 has the attention of senior leaders within the Space Force such as General Raymond, Chief of Space Operations and Lt General Shaw, Vice Commander USSPACECOM, as well as members of the greater space community such as Bill Woolf, Founder of the Space Force Association.

The USAFA i5 team will also work with you to get i5 swag such as patches, coins, shirts, and more for your members. Below are some of the i5 logos that will be available for your use.



# Becoming an i5 Detachment

## Requirements

- Minimum of 5 cadets
- One i5 cadet commander
- A faculty advisor or an ROTC permanent party member from your unit to advise and mentor your i5 detachment
- All i5 detachment members must have a Microsoft Teams Account
- Willingness to participate in i5 virtual events

## Process

1. Contact the USAFA i5 leadership team to discuss the potential of setting up an “i5 Detachment” at your educational institution.
  - a. Contact us at: [i5.usafacademy@gmail.com](mailto:i5.usafacademy@gmail.com)
  - b. Check out the i5 website for more info! [www.i5space.com](http://www.i5space.com)
2. Work with the USAFA i5 Leadership team to determine the specifics of your i5 detachment and activation.
3. The USAFA i5 team will provide you with a variety of resources including new member information, access to our research delta and latest projects, live streaming of i5 “Strat Talks” and events, i5 swag, and more!
4. Recruit members to join your i5 Detachment and work with them on getting plugged into existing projects or start up your own!
5. If you cannot meet the 5-member requirement, contact the i5 leadership team, and they will work to connect you with a nearby detachment.

Contact us to learn more: [i5.usafacademy@gmail.com](mailto:i5.usafacademy@gmail.com)

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