

Spotlight On

Air Force Senior Airman Carolyn A. Space
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Canton, Mich., native Air Force Senior Airman Carolyn A. Space is an intelligence applications analyst for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command Intelligence Directorate., J-2.



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Her daily duties include conducting research on ballistic missiles, studying the world's political and military agendas, developing training tools for other analysts and monitoring breaking news.

"By fusing intelligence, law enforcement, and counter intelligence information to support our critical warning mission against new threats, as well as old strategic threats, we are providing the decision makers with the best information available," Space said.

She looks no further than the NORAD and USNORTHCOM J2 vision to define the important role she plays in the rigorous mission of combating terrorism.

"Our job is to be the eyes and ears of NORAD and USNORTHCOM to ensure the commander is not only prepared to react, but more importantly, to be proactive so that we can both deter and protect," she said.

Space joined the Air Force in May 2001.

"I've always been intrigued by the military," she noted. Her older stepsister, who joined the Air Force three years before Space did, "always had good things to say" about the service.

In addition, her father and stepfather served in the Army.

"My stepfather served a very honorable tour in Vietnam," she said. "His memories and experiences, while often horrific and disheartening, tell a tale of a man who was proud to serve, defend and protect his country. I am very proud to follow in all of their footsteps."

Space and her husband, a Canadian intelligence officer, were reassigned to Colorado Springs in August; she transferred from Florida while he left his native land for the United States.

Space was recently named the USNORTHCOM junior enlisted of the quarter for October through December.