



President Donald Trump speaks during an event about the relocation of U.S. Space Command headquarters from Colorado to Alabama in the Oval Office of the White House on Tuesday, in Washington, as Sen. Katie Britt, R-Ala., listens.

# Trump: Space Command moving to Alabama

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday that U.S. Space Command will be located in Alabama, reversing a Biden-era decision to keep it at its temporary headquarters in Colorado.

The long-expected decision from Trump caps a four-year tug of war between two states and opposing administrations about where to locate U.S. Space Command, an intense fight because the headquarters would be a significant boon to the local economy. Alabama and Colorado have long battled to claim Space Command, with elected officials from both states asserting their state is the better location.

“The U.S. Space Command headquarters will move to the beautiful locale of a place called Huntsville, Alabama, forever to be known from this point forward as Rocket City,” said Trump, repeating a nickname the city has used for decades already because of its early role in NASA and the U.S. space program. “We had a lot of competition for this and Alabama’s getting it,” added the president, flanked in the Oval Office by Republican members of Alabama’s congressional delegation.

Trump said Huntsville won the race for the Space Command headquarters, in part, because “they fought harder for it than anybody else.”

GOP Sen. Tommy Tuberville, who is running for governor of Alabama, said Huntsville is the “perfect place” for the headquarters and suggested it be named after Trump. And Alabama Republican Sen. Katie Britt, who stood next to Trump during the announcement, thanked Trump for “restoring Space Command to its rightful home.”

“The Biden administration chose to make this political,” she said. “What we want to do is put the safety and security of

Americans first. We want to make sure our American war fighter is put first.”

The Associated Press reported earlier Tuesday that the president would announce the move at the White House after a Pentagon website set up to livestream the remarks described the event hours in advance as a “U.S. Space Command HQ Announcement.”

U.S. Space Command said in a statement on X after the announcement that it “stands ready to carry out the direction of the President following today’s announcement of Huntsville, Alabama, as the command’s permanent headquarters location.” Its functions include conducting operations like enabling satellite-based navigation and troop communication and providing warning of missile launches.

Huntsville, Alabama, has long been home to the Army’s Redstone Arsenal and NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center. The Army’s Space and Missile Defense Command is also located in Huntsville, which drew its nickname because of its role in building the first rockets for the U.S. space program.

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle said about 1,400 Space Command jobs will transition to Redstone Arsenal over the next five years.

“This decision is not about what’s best for Huntsville — it’s about being mission-focused,” said Battle. “The decision to locate U.S. Space Command at Redstone ensures our nation is prepared to meet growing challenges in space. Huntsville is ready with our experienced workforce, resilient infrastructure and deep commitment to national defense.”

The saga stretches back to 2021, when the Air Force identified Army Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville as the preferred location for the new U.S. Space Command. The city was picked after

site visits to six states that compared factors such as infrastructure capacity, community support and costs to the Defense Department.

Then-President Joe Biden in 2023 announced Space Command would be permanently located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which had been serving as its temporary headquarters. Biden’s Democratic administration said that keeping the command in Colorado Springs would avoid a disruption in readiness.

The announcement infuriated both Democratic and Republican officials in Colorado, which has a booming aerospace industry. Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat, called the relocation of Space Command to Alabama “deeply disappointing” and demanded an explanation as to how the decision was made.

“This is the wrong decision, diminishing military readiness and national security and eroding the trust Americans have in our country and its leaders to do the right thing,” Polis said. “Uprooting Space Command will weaken national security and readiness, waste taxpayer dollars, and inconvenience military families.”

Trump on Tuesday said his initial plans to locate the headquarters in Huntsville were “wrongfully obstructed by the Biden administration.” But he also said the fact that Colorado uses mail-in voting “played a big factor also” in moving the headquarters away from Colorado Springs.

“The problem with Colorado is that they have a very corrupt voting system,” Trump said.

A review by the Defense Department inspector general was inconclusive and could not determine why Colorado was chosen over Alabama. Trump, a Republican who enjoys deep support in Alabama, had long been expected to move Space Command back to Alabama.



7th grader Jennie created a self portrait inspired by the Mona Lisa (right), and 8th grader Emersyn created a beautiful painting over a bridge of a lily pad pond (left). The former was inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci, and the latter was inspired by Claude Monet.

# Masterpieces, with a Mayfield Middle School twist

MAYFIELD — Art students at Mayfield Middle School have been busy creating art pieces inspired by many famous paintings and have been learning all about the Renaissance and Impressionist art periods.

Jennie (7th Grade)

created a self portrait inspired by the well-known portrait of the Mona Lisa, behind her is a colorful design hinting towards the landscape found behind the original art piece by Leonardo Da Vinci.

Emersyn (8th Grade) created a

beautiful painting of a bridge over a lily pad pond, inspired by artist Claude Monet and his many paintings of lily pads and water.

“I can’t wait to see what these students create next, while also learning more about art history,” states art teacher Kayla Roberts.

# Mayfield VA clinic hosts resource fair Oct. 2

MAYFIELD — With the summer approaching, winter may be a far-off thought. Yet, many rural veterans will be facing challenges this winter that will be here sooner than later.

The Mayfield Community Based Outpatient Clinic hopes to alleviate some of the challenges veterans may face by hosting a Veteran Resource Fair.

“Our clinic values our Veterans and are planning our Second Annual Veteran Resource Fair. We are looking forward to partnering with you to ensure a successful event for our Veterans!” The Department of Veterans Affairs said in a statement. “With the help and participation of our community partners, we know we can make a difference in the lives of Veterans in need, especially as the winter months approach.”

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will be holding a Veterans Resource Fair on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025 from noon to 4 p.m., at Mayfield CBOC 1253 Paris Rd #A, Mayfield, Ky.

This is an event designed to assist all veterans with a hand-up by providing access to services as well as the provision of material and practical items. In support of this year’s Veteran’s Resource Fair, the VA would like to invite interested parties to consider donating the following items:

- Services for Veterans
- Non-Profit participation
- Non-perishable (unexpired) Food Items
- Monetary Donations (Please specify monetary donations are to be used for Veterans Resource Fair by writing Mayfield CBOC on check memo line.) Monetary Donations-\$500.00 or more Gold Star Donor, \$350.00-499.00-Silver Star Donor, or \$150.00-349.99-Bronze Star Donor

If you will be donating any items, ensure you contact the Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) Office in advance of the event. They will need to be aware of incoming donations and will advise you of the pro-

cess to follow.

“Please note, due to a shortage of storage space, we are asking arrangements to be made prior to dropping off any donated items at any VA location,” the VA said in a statement.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, contact CDCE at (618) 993-4121 or via email VHAM-RNCDCE@va.gov.

“We thank you in advance for partnering with us and for your kind generosity to those among us who have served and are now in need of our assistance,” the VA said.

The rural clinic in Mayfield serves more than 2,200 veterans in Western Kentucky and Northwest Tennessee, according to the clinic. They are actively seeking partnership for this resource fair.

Last year’s resource event hosted more than 100 veterans. The clinic, with community support, provided food, beverages, and resources to the veterans. Now, they are seeking additional financial resources for rural veterans.

**Advertisement for Mayfield Independent Schools  
Local Planning Committee (LPC) Meeting 1 and Public Forum 1**

The Mayfield Independent School's Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING on September 9th at 5:30 PM CST at the Mayfield Board of Education's central office located at 914 East College, Mayfield, Kentucky 42066. A PUBLIC FORUM for public comments will follow this meeting at approximately 6:15 PM CST. This is the first of the series of meetings and public forums to develop a District Facilities Plan for Mayfield Independent Schools. The Kentucky Department of Education will provide training information for the LPC members. This meeting and future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Mayfield Independent School District.

For additional information contact Mark Rogers, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, at 270-247-3275.

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