

The Aerospace & Defense Forum

The Aerospace & Defense Forum is an informal group of senior professionals who meet monthly to share news, information, and analysis concerning the commercial and defense aerospace industries. Each meeting consists of one or two presentations by someone active in the industry, followed by discussion and networking.

Meetings are on the 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30 am – 9:00 am, at the offices of Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro, 1900 Avenue of the Stars, 7th Floor, Century City, California. Because space is limited and security-controlled all attendees must RSVP to rosenberg@frontier-assoc.com or 818-505-9915.

The purpose of **The Aerospace & Defense Forum** is to provide a venue to share news, information and analysis, and discuss events relevant to the aerospace, commercial space and defense industries, with an emphasis on California-based activities. Members are senior business service providers and other professionals, investors, government agencies, non-profit and professional associations, established businesses and entrepreneurs with a strong interest in the aerospace and defense industries. Discussion and presentation topics include:

- The established and emerging entrepreneurial space industry, e.g., SpaceX, Bigelow Aerospace, space tourism, satellites, space stations, microgravity research
- Civil space activities, e.g., NASA's new strategy of purchasing services instead of vehicles
- Commercial and defense aeronautics, e.g., UAV's, commercial and defense aircraft.
- Defense space activities, e.g., the recent launching of the Air Force's robotic X-37B space plane for a possible on-orbit of up to 270 days
- Related topics, such as cybersecurity, space enabled applications in health care, IT, materials research, manufacturing, and biotech

If it lifts off the ground, it is an appropriate topic for the Forum.

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What is the need for such a group? Why now?

Southern California has a rich aerospace history that started decades ago but a new chapter is currently being written. Space's equivalent of Silicon Valley is developing 90 minutes north of the San Fernando Valley at the Mojave Space port where flight research and manufacturing activities supporting private sector and government-funded projects are currently underway. This activity does not occur in isolation of the established aerospace community dotting the Southland.

Who are the potential buyers of services? How are related emerging space enabled businesses being financed? How can the U.S benefit from a robust commercial space industry? How does public policy affect this burgeoning industry?

Although NewSpace has not *yet* experienced the initial public offerings, acquisitions, and venture capital commitment that permeated the dot com world, it has the potential to change the world in the same way that the Internet did for accessibility to information and communication. Super Angels, the President of the United States, and some investment groups are now taking serious consideration at how fledgling commercial space enterprise can develop from the tadpole stage it's currently at and help it evolve to a robust industry.

The Aerospace & Defense Forum provides a venue for those interested in this transition to share information and analysis.