

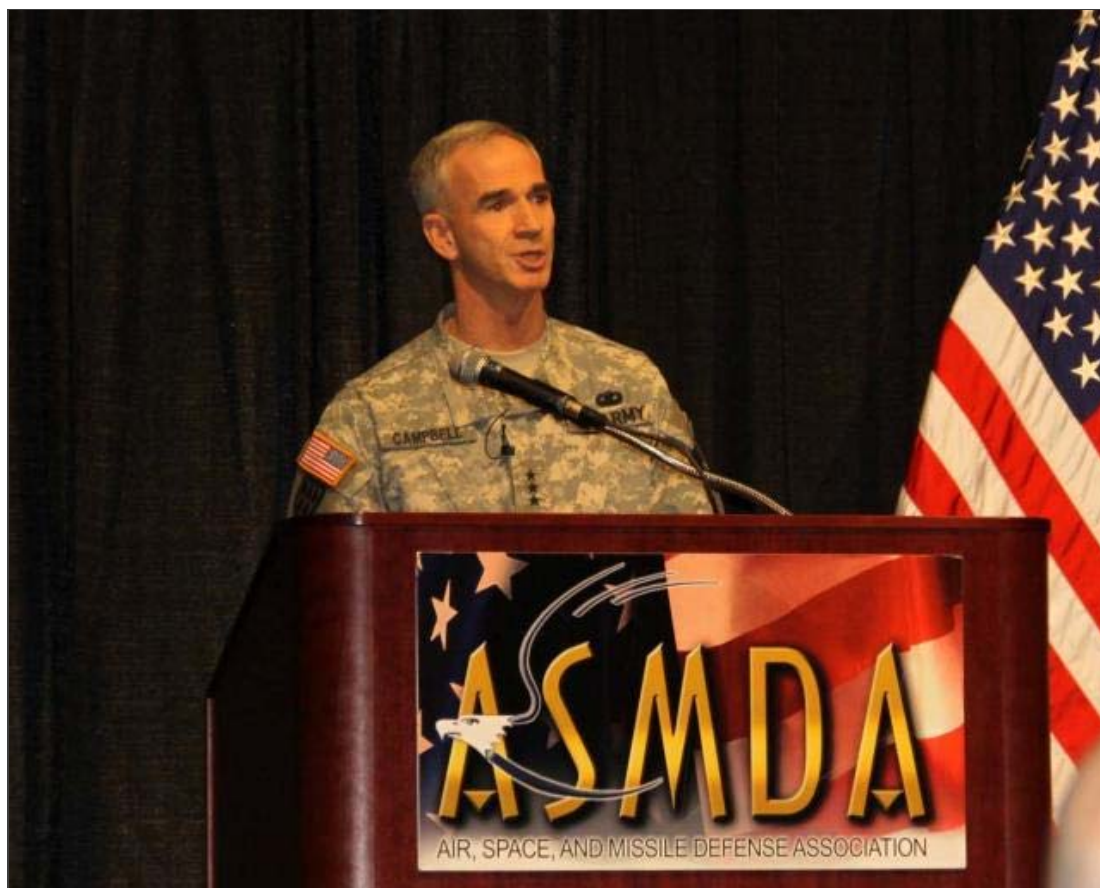
# Commanding General thanks air, space and missile defense community during keynote speech

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## Story Highlights

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- Campbell recognized ASMDA for the support provided to the space and missile defense community



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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, was the keynote speaker at the annual membership and awards luncheon of the Air, Space, and Missile Defense Association (ASMDA) on Jan. 29.

More than 400 people attended, including Congressman Parker Griffith, 5th District, Ala., Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, and other key civic organization and defense industry leaders from the local community.

"In the last two plus years, ASMDA has increased science and engineering college scholarships from two to five \$4,000 scholarships annually. They have partnered with NDIA and ADAA to host a space and Missile Defense Student Day at the Space and Rocket Center where over 250 sixth-graders attended from the surrounding area, and increased support to numerous veterans programs. In addition, ASMDA co-sponsored the annual Space and Missile Defense Conference that grew to an all-time record in attendance and exhibits in 2009.

"It takes quite a number of good people to pull off all of the many projects and events developed by ASMDA," Campbell said. "You work hard to make a difference not only by ensuring our nation's defense is the best in the world, but by contributing to our community. You are making a difference in this community."

In addition to recognizing many of the contributors to ASMDA success, Campbell concluded his remarks by thanking ASMDA for the support provided to the space and missile defense community in its continued support to our brightest and most deserving students through scholarships, space camp scholarships, and co-sponsorship of the 9th annual Adventures in Engineering Day.

"I also want to thank you for the open arms you extended to my wife, Kathy, and me as we settled into the north Alabama area. This will always hold a very special place in our hearts, because of the wonderful people. There is no friendlier place on Earth than right here in Northern Alabama," Campbell said.