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## Space Force Next in DC Lecture Series

**Washington, DC (Oct. 9, 2018)** – The potential establishment of a Space Force, the sixth branch of the US Armed Forces, will be the subject of the next installment of the Museum of Science Fiction's quarterly lecture series. Mr. Todd Harrison, director of the Aerospace Security Project at the Center of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), will deliver the lecture on November 8 at the law offices of series co-sponsor, K&L Gates.

“The first thought of a lot of people when they hear about a Space Force might be something like Star Wars, but the real thing won't be anything like what we see in the movies,” said Mr. Harrison. “I look forward to separating the fact from the fiction and exploring how a Space Force would be geared towards protecting our national security interests around the globe from real threats to our critical space capabilities, such as satellite-blinding lasers and jammers.”

In addition to his role at CSIS, Mr. Harrison has taught classes at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. In March of this year, he testified before the House Armed Services Committee on space warfighting readiness. He graduated from MIT with both a B.S. and an M.S. in aeronautics and astronautics.

“The Museum’s series of timely, well-informed lectures continues with one of the foremost thinkers about national security in space. We are looking forward to hosting Todd Harrison to discuss the military, diplomatic, organizational, and logistical opportunities and challenges surrounding the creation of a Space Force,” said Paul Stimers, Partner at K&L Gates and member of the Museum of Science Fiction's Board of Advisors.

The Museum's 2018 lecture series is open to the public. It is designed to show how science fiction continually inspires individuals, influences cultures, and affects societies. The lecture series also serves as an educational catalyst to expand interest in STEAM fields: science, technology, engineering, art, and math. For tickets and more information on upcoming lectures, please go to: [www.museumofsciencefiction.org/2018-lecture-series](http://www.museumofsciencefiction.org/2018-lecture-series)

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#### **About the Museum of Science Fiction**

The nonprofit Museum of Science Fiction will be the world's first comprehensive science fiction museum, covering the history of the genre across the arts and providing a narrative on its relationship to the real world. The Museum will show how science fiction continually inspires individuals, influences cultures, and impacts societies. Also serving as an educational catalyst to expand interest in the science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) areas, the Museum uses tools such as mobile applications and wifi-enabled display objects to engage and entertain. For a full press packet on the Museum of Science Fiction's vision and other information, please visit:  
[www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket](http://www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket)

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#### **About Escape Velocity 2019**

The Museum of Science Fiction and NASA are partnering to bring Escape Velocity 2019 to Washington, DC. The event is a futuristic world's fair to promote informal STEAM educational activities within the context of science fiction using the fun of comic cons and fascination of science and engineering festivals. Escape Velocity 2019 seeks to make a measurable positive impact to boost informal learning on the more conceptually challenging academic areas. Escape Velocity's mission is to attract young people to science, technology, engineering, art, and math by producing and presenting the most compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science festival in the United States using science fiction as its primary engine. Escape Velocity will achieve orbit on May 24-26, 2019 at the Marriott Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC. For a full press packet on Escape Velocity, please visit: [www.escapevelocity.events/press-media](http://www.escapevelocity.events/press-media)

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