

Golden Dome, Not Just In Indiana



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Many reading this article when they hear the term Golden Dome, think of the Church on the campus of Notre Dame. But in a recent article by Ben Solis in Newline, he writes about the Golden Dome as a missile defense system that the USA is working on.

The system is similar in concept to the missile defense system that is used by some of our allies. It is a program that remains classified, but General Guetlien of The Space Force oversees the program and made some announcements. Therefore, they are no longer classified. The General noted that there were recently some very successful tests in restricted areas of New Mexico and Virginia.

This new system is planning on detecting and intercepting present and future sophisticated weaponry. It will include sensors, radar, satellites along with new technology still classified in the hopes to keep our citizens safe from anyone who plans an attack, be it from traditional opponents or some rogue group that we presently are unaware of.

The Middle East has recently had several attacks from Iran and some of their allies like Hamas. They are using everything they have. Most have not caused too much damage. In a strange way, it may benefit us because our scientists test our responses.

Space X's Military Star did well in recent tests in the Indo-Pacific. They were capable of setting commands and information roughly 9,000 miles. The Pentagon is using this for the time that we have space-based abilities for defense.

Mr. Solis has noted the need of the future is more missiles and other logistic weapons. You cannot protect the whole nation without the weapons to support the Golden Dome. He notes that Lockheed is building a large production center in Alabama. Other companies seeking military contracts are also building and expanding. He notes that one of the worries is funding. There are always people saying no more money for weapons. But these two things: when the program is up, we will be safer and it can produce jobs.

Chicago will be in the crosshairs because we are no longer protected by the distances of two oceans. There are already three countries that could attack us because the shorter distance is over the North Pole. That is not that far.

This reminds me of two families, one when I was in Brighton Park and one when I was in Pilsen, I had students that died in a home fire. In both cases, they had working smoke alarms but no batteries. Many grieved over these families that may have been saved by a \$3 battery. It is similar. You don't want to build a big defense and not be able to use it.