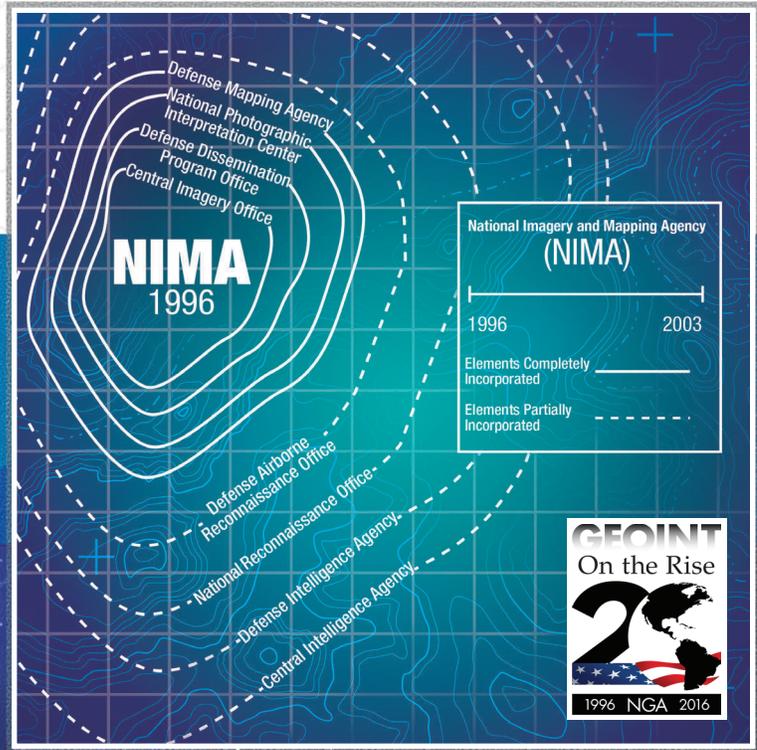


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## National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) 1996

NIMA emerged in 1996 as an initiative sponsored by the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs, and the Director of Central Intelligence. Lessons arising from the Gulf War demonstrated that the time had come to centralize defense-related mapping and imagery functions. NIMA absorbed the Defense Mapping Agency, the National Photographic Interpretation Center, the Central Imagery Office, and the Defense Dissemination Program Office. The new agency also assumed functions related to cartography and imagery analysis from the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the Defense Aerial Reconnaissance Office.

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## The Global Positioning System (GPS)

GPS has become the world standard for geo-location. NGA's traditional skills in Geodesy and Photogrammetry make GPS possible. Our pivotal role in developing the current World Geodetic System (WGS 84) and our ability to precisely geo-locate took the United States from the basic Transit System of 1964 to a far more able and well supported GPS, which became fully operational in 1995. Each day the U.S. Air Force uploads to the satellites data generated by NGA that enables the constellation to remain in its proper formation.