

45th LAUNCH GROUP

MISSION

The 45th Launch Group receives, inspects, processes, tests, and launches flight hardware to ensure the successful launch of satellites.

LINEAGE

45th Launch Group established, 28 Oct 2003
Activated, 1 Dec 2003

STATIONS

Cape Canaveral AFS, FL, 1 Dec 2003
Patrick AFB, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

45th Space Wing, 1 Dec 2003

COMMANDERS

Col Michael T. Baker, 1 Dec 2003
Col Samuel A. Greaves, 23 Jul 2004
Col Scott A. Henderson, 12 Jul 2006
Col Lee W. Rosen

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Dec 2003]-30 Sep 2004

1 Jan-31 Dec 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

1 Jan-31 Dec 2005

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2006

EMBLEM

Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In order to handle space operations more effectively, Air Force Space Command, 14th Air Force, the 30th Space Wing, and the 45th Space Wing agreed to fine tune the new standard wing organization in 2003. Following approval at the highest levels of the Air Force, an organizational transformation was implemented on 1 Dec 2003. As a result of the transformation, the 45th Maintenance Group was inactivated, and the 45th Launch Group was constituted and assigned to Air Force Space Command with further assignment to the 45th Space Wing. Detachment 8, Headquarters Space & Missile Center (Det 8, SMC) was inactivated, and the detachment's last commander became the 45th Launch Group Commander.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.