

45 LAUNCH GROUP



MISSION

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

LINEAGE

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

STATIONS

Cape Canaveral AFS, FL, 1 Dec 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

45 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, 23 Jul 2009
Col Matthew E. Skeen, 7 Jul 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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

1 Dec 2006-30 Sep 2008

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010

EMBLEM

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

MOTTO

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.

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Sources

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