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## 45TH SPACE WING

### Vision

To deliver space effects that protect and defend our nation through Global Vigilance, Reach and Power.

### Mission

To assure access to the high frontier and to support global operations.

### Leadership/Organization

**Wing Leadership:** The 45th SW is commanded by Brig. Gen. Susan Helms. The vice commander is Col. Stephen Butler. The Command Chief Master Sergeant is Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Vannorsdall.



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**Group Commanders:** The wing is organized into four groups to accomplish its mission:

- **Launch Group:** Led by Col. Scott Henderson, supports launch vehicle and spacecraft processing from flight hardware arrival through launch.
- **Operations Group:** Led by Col. Bernie Gruber, operates and maintains the Eastern Range assets and responsible for airfield operations, weather and communication support.
- **Mission Support Group:** Led by Col. Mark Bontrager, provides support through various functions to the people and mission.
- **Medical Group:** Led by Col. Florence Valley, provides medical, dental, environmental and public health services.

### At a Glance

**Commander:** Brig. Gen. Susan J. Helms  
**Number of Personnel:** 12,571  
**Annual payroll:** \$248.1 million  
**Number of Indirect Jobs Created:** 5,916  
**\$ Value of Jobs Created:** \$222 million  
**Annual Expenditures:** \$819.7 million  
**Total Economic Impact (FY-05):** \$1.3 billion

**Number of Successful Launches:** more than 3,350  
**Fleet:** Atlas V, Delta II, Delta IV, STS, Trident II  
**Satellites Processed:** GPS, MILSTAR  
**Eastern Range Size:** 15 million square miles  
**Next Scheduled Launch:** [www.patrick.af.mil](http://www.patrick.af.mil)

**Airmen Deployed:** more than 50

**Tenants/Mission Partners**

There are more than 35 major mission partners and tenants at Patrick, including:

Defense Equality Opportunity Management Institute

Air Force Technical Applications Center

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Naval Ordnance Test Unit

920th Rescue Wing

Joint Stars Task Force

Department of State

2nd Brigade, 8th Division

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Battlefield  
Begins Here!**

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