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Thanksgiving Day Hours

AAFES:

All facilities will be closed except:
Shoppette/Gas:
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Commissary:
Closed

Riverside Dining Facility:

Open from
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
All active duty (including officers) and their dependents, retirees and their dependents are welcome to eat at this award winning dining facility. Cost is A la Carte. For information, call 494-4248.

Friday,

Nov. 27 hours:

AAFES

Main Store:

4 a.m. – 7 p.m.
(South gate opens
3:30 a.m.)

Commissary:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday,

Nov. 28 hours:

AAFES Main Store:

6 a.m. – 7 p.m.



Photo by Pat Corkery, Lockheed Martin and United Launch Alliance

19th launch on Eastern Range; 20th scheduled Wednesday

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. – The 45th Space Wing successfully launched a United Launch Alliance-built Atlas V Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle carrying the Intelsat-14 commercial communications satellite from Space Launch Complex 41 at 1:55 a.m. (EST) Monday.

“This launch helps to ensure that vital communications will continue to bolster our nation’s capabilities and showcases why the 45th Space Wing is the world’s premiere gateway to space,” said Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton, Jr., 45th Space Wing commander.

This mission was the 17th flight of an Atlas V rocket from the Cape and the 19th launch overall this year on the Eastern Range.

“I’m thrilled the launch went so well and the mission is a success,” said 2nd Lt. Drew Peterson, 5th Space Launch Squadron, who served as Atlas V Mission Lead for the Intelsat-14 satellite. “I’d like to thank the entire team for this great achievement.”

Lieutenant Peterson was responsible for overseeing the receipt, integration and launch of the \$700 million United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket with the Intelsat satellite.

At left, an Atlas V rocket with the commercial Intelsat 14 satellite launches from Space Launch Complex-41 at 1:55 a.m. EST Monday. The United Launch Alliance Atlas V was launched on behalf of Lockheed Martin Commercial Launch Services. The 45th Space Wing is currently preparing to launch the third Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) Wednesday evening from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! **Think safety** in all you do and make sure you take care of your fellow Airmen. Be a good “Wingman.”



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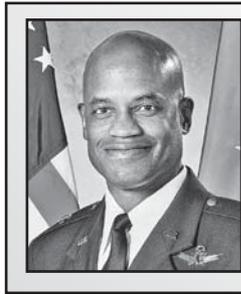


Keeping an eye on space, safety

By Brig. Gen.

Edward L. Bolton, Jr.

Commander, 45th Space Wing



From
the
top

Well, one thing is for certain. No one can ever say we aren't busy around here. Just eight days after launching an Atlas V international telecommunications satellite early Monday morning, we will be getting set to launch the third Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) next Wednesday evening.

Monday's mission was the 17th flight of an Atlas V rocket from the Cape and the 19th launch overall this year on the Eastern Range. Pretty amazing numbers if you ask me.

It's such an honor and privilege to work with people who understand the words of Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander, Air Force Space Command, when he continues to say – "perfection is the standard" when it comes to the launch industry.

And that's because we have no margin for error. None. We do things by the book, we use our checklists and we are in a constant mode of looking at the way we do business around here. That's why I like working with you; we never stop looking for ways to improve and for ways to be even more safety conscious every time we first initiate the launch process.

Speaking of safety, how can I not talk about that as we all get ready to enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday and some time away from the day-to-day grind and the heavy work pace we've been moving at for the

past year?

Thanksgiving is the most traveled holiday of the year. The Sunday after Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest highway travel day of the year.

Nationwide, more than half of all traffic crash victims killed during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend were not wearing their seatbelts.

Don't let yourself – or your loved ones – become a statistic. Take your time. Watch out for one another.

So while Patricia and I want all of you to enjoy yourselves, to look after those who don't have friends or family in the area, and spend some very well deserved time with loved ones, we both ask you to keep safety in the forefront of your thoughts.

We need you all back here to help support our 20th launch Wednesday.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday!

A new Ops normal

By Col. James P. Ross

Commander,

45th Operations Group

I don't know about you, but things have not slowed down for me since Sept. 22, when we received the ORI/UCI outbrief. I think most of us thought what a relief: they are not coming back. When Col. Scott Gilson, the Air Force Space Command Inspector General, said this was the best inspection he's seen, I think most of us were extremely proud of our accomplishment.

However, we shouldn't let that sense of relief allow us to go back to doing business the way we did before all of the frantic ORI/UCI preparations started. One of my squadron commanders said in a post-ORI relaxed situation that his unit was looking forward to getting

Commander's Corner

back to "ops normal." I told him and the other commanders present that we should use what we learned in the ORI/UCI to define a "new ops normal."

The new ops normal should mean that we DO worry about what the instruction says. That we DO ensure we've fully coordinated staff work. In short, it means we dot all the "i"s and cross all the "t"s. Why should you worry about all this?

First, for those of you here when the next inspection rolls in, this will make preparations much easier. Instead of creating programs that should have existed for years, or doing paperwork that hadn't been done when it should have been, all you'll have to do is verify

that you've been doing things the right way.

Next, for those of you (like me) who won't be here for the next inspection, you should strive to set your replacement up for success. Ensuring that your programs are up to standards (or better yet go above and beyond) is the utmost in professionalism and will be greatly appreciated by your successor and leadership.

Finally, following policy and guidance in instructions and other sources is one way of displaying the Air Force Core Value of "Excellence in All We Do."

We do a fantastic job at launching satellites and astronauts into space. How we accomplish this mission, though, says volumes about us as professionals. It is time to create a new ops normal.

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Thanksgiving message to the AFSPC team

By Gen.

C. Robert Kehler
Commander, Air Force
Space Command



Gen. C. Robert Kehler

This Thanksgiving, Marj and I offer our heartfelt appreciation for your dedication in maintaining the security of our great nation--we have much

to be thankful for.

We ask that you keep our extended Air Force family and those Airmen who are deployed around the world spending the holiday away from their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

As you start the

holiday, remember that one-third of all air force fatalities occur over long weekends. I must continue to impress upon you the importance of driving when you are at your best. Plan and act responsibly to minimize distractions and fatigue.

Heed the lessons of others – don't drink and drive. In the broader context, don't drink in excess, no matter what the circumstance.

The unintended consequences can be costly and severe.

Think ahead about the choices you will be

making over the weekend. Return safely, rested and recharged. Take care of yourself and look after one another.

Marj and I extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

AFSPC commander bids farewell to missile wings

By Staff Sgt.

Daylena Gonzalez
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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander of Air Force Space Command, traveled on a three-base tour Nov. 12 and 13 to say farewell to the missile wings and the strategic deterrent mission.

General Kehler met with wing leadership and held a Commander's Call at his stops at Malmstrom, Minot, and F.E. Warren Air Force bases; as the wings work toward transitioning to the control of Air Force Global Strike Command on Dec 1.

During his visits, General Kehler stressed the importance of the strategic deterrence mission and the high standards it requires. He urged the organiza-

tions to stay focused on meeting the challenges of the transition to AFGSC.

"Perfection is the standard...it is a mindset that defines who you are and what you do. The mission requires extraordinary adherence to this standard, which requires hands-on leadership and constant commitment to accomplish it," said General Kehler. "We've come a long way, we've made progress, but it's not time for high fives.

"I'm proud of all of you. Thank you for what you're doing. What an honor and privilege it has been to have the ICBM force as part of Air Force Space Command. Stay focused. Our country demands that of us...of you."

The move of the 90th Missile Wing, 91st Missile Wing, and 341st Missile Wing to AFGSC is part of an Air Force plan



U.S. Air Force Photo

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to consolidate strategic nuclear resources, including those from Air Combat Command and Air Force Space Command, under a single commander.

Space and missile wings have been part of AFSPC since 1993, but as part of the Air Force's nuclear roadmap developed by Secretary of the

Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, combining strategic nuclear deterrence and global strike

capabilities under a single major-command-level organization will better serve the needs of combatant commanders worldwide.

National Smoke Out Day 2009

Lt. Col. Dan Steele, commander, 45th Space Communications Squadron, right, takes off on the annual 5k "Turkey Trot" held Nov. 20 in conjunction with National Smoke Out Day. Airman 1st Class Nicholas Biersner, far right, just quit smoking about two months ago and was among the top finishers in the race. The festivities were co-sponsored by the Base Physical Fitness Center and the Health & Wellness Center.

Photos by John Connell



Cape Canaveral and Cape Kennedy

By Mark C. Cleary
45th SW History Office

In an interview in 1990, Major General Harry J. Sands, Jr. recalled how he received orders to change the Cape's name almost 30 years earlier:

...General [Leighton I.] Davis was away on business, and I got the call. The fellow on the other end of the line asked who was in command. I said I was, and I identified myself.

Then the caller said, "Sands, this is Bob McNamara." I didn't know him as 'Bob,' so I thought, "Who is Bob McNamara?" He turned out to be the Secretary of Defense. He said, "I just wanted to call and find out what all's named Cape Canaveral down there." I said, "There's a town of Cape Canaveral; there is at least one automobile agency named Cape Canaveral; there are several restaurants and banks." I gave him quite a list.

And then I added, "Oh yes, we have maps that show the Spanish called the area Cape Canaveral as early as 1532." That ended the conversation.

A couple of days later, the directives came down from headquarters to change the name to Cape Kennedy.

McNamara told me to change the name to Cape Kennedy and "do it right away." So I had a new sign made for the Air Force Station, and we put it up the next day.

NASA retained the name John F. Kennedy Space Center, but, at local insistence, the Board of Geographic Names relented and gave the Cape its old name back again in 1974.

The Cape Kennedy Air Force Station was renamed Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on April 1, 1974.

The word "Force" was dropped from the station's title on April 1, 1994, but the word was added back again on February 4, 2000.

I guess the more things change, the more they stay the same.

On November 27, 1963, the Board of Geographic Names approved changing the name of Cape Canaveral to Cape Kennedy in honor of President John F. Kennedy.

Tragically, President Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas, Texas, on the 22nd, less than one week earlier.

The new U.S. President, Lyndon B. Johnson, announced the name change in a televised address on November 28, 1963.

At the same time, NASA's Launch Operations Center on Merritt Island, Florida, was renamed the John F. Kennedy Space Center.

The name Cape Canaveral or "Cabo Cañaveral" first appeared on Spanish maps in the 16th century. It means "Cape of Canes" or "Canebrake Cape." Centuries later, a local community grew up south of the Cape, and it was named Cape Canaveral as well.

When the Cape's name was changed in 1963, many citizens in the local community were not happy about it.



Courtesy Photo

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Annual Fred Gay CivMil Golf Classic



Photos by Chris Calkins

Col. Andre Lovett, 45th Space Wing vice commander, rips a tee shot down the left side of hole No. 12 during the annual Fred Gay CivMil Golf Classic held Saturday at Manatee Cove Golf Course. Playing with Col. Lovett are (left to right) John "Tank" Sherman, George Roe and Bill Ellis. Following the well-attended tourney, Col. Charles Beck, Mission Support Group commander, above, thanked those in attendance for participating and for all the things the CivMil Association does for service members all around the Space Coast.

MAC Volunteers of the Year

Giving back to their communities

Tech. Sgt. David E. Saucedo, left, and Staff Sgt. Lathaniel Wilcox, right, both with the 45th Launch Group, were each named winners of the Military Affairs Council-sponsored Volunteer of the Year award May 18.

They are surrounded by Master Chief Gene Chattin, Naval Ordnance Test Unit, who accepted the award on behalf of Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Peoples. All three enlisted service members were presented with plaques and \$500 Savings Bonds.



Photo by Chris Calkins

Year of the Air Force
Family



Upcoming Events

Thursday, Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Buffet -
times 12:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. -
The Tides Collocated Club

Monday, Nov. 30 - Children's Story Time - 10 a.m. - Library

Wednesday, Dec. 2 - College 101 Briefing - 9 a.m. - Education Center

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Breakfast with Santa - 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. -
Youth Center

BRIEFS

Lane Closures – Water Outage

New water main connections from Patrick AFB to the City of Melbourne's water system will cause some disruptions to the traffic flow onto the base at the south gate. Starting Nov. 30, the exit lane for the south gate Pass and ID Center parking lot will be closed to all traffic for the entire week. Vehicles will be required to enter and exit at the entryway. It is strongly encouraged that all badging for the week be processed at the main gate Pass and ID Center off of A1A.

The right entry lane at the south gate will also be affected to a lesser degree. Construction will necessitate this lane closure daily from 1 p.m. to 5 a.m. on the next day. The lane will be open to accommodate peak hour traffic.

With the installation of new water lines, there will also be a water outage to the southwest corner of the base. The outage will occur during the overnight hours Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. until Dec. 1 at 6 a.m. Water outage at the PAFB South Gate will affect the Manatee Cove Golf Course and

Marina Complex. Water will not be potable and a "Boil Water Notice" is to take effect through Dec. 4.

Golf Course food operations (to include fountain soda and coffee) will remain closed Monday through Thursday; however, premade sandwiches and salads will be available.

Shower and toilet facilities will remain closed during the outage, but will re-open on Monday. Full and normal business functions for both facilities will resume on Friday. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please call the Manatee Cove Golf Course at 494-4653 or the Manatee Cove Marina at 494-7455.

Family Child Care Certification Classes

Family Child Care (FCC) Certification Classes are scheduled for Dec. 1 and 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the FCC Office, Bldg 1391. An interview is required prior to class. For more information and to schedule an interview, call Tina Washington at 494-8381 or 795-2100.

Recognition of Child and Youth Programs Management Professionals

Here is an excellent way for you to recognize Patrick's star directors in the Child Development Center (CDC), Family Child Care (FCC), Youth Programs (YP) and School-Age (SA) Programs for their contributions to Air Force families.

The first ever joint Air Force & Navy Child and Youth Program Conference will be held Jan. 24 - 28, 2010 in Dallas, TX and special awards will be presented. You can recognize our top performers by filling out a nomination form for best CDC Manager, FCC Coordinator, SA Program Coordinator, and YP Manager.

Nomination forms can be completed electronically or in writing (forms available at each facility and are also available at www.afchild-programs.com and www.afyouthprograms.com) and submitted via email or fax to HQ AFSVA/SVPY, toni.henson@randolph.af.mil and susan.brasel@randolph.af.mil, or commercial fax (210) 652-2383 or DSN fax 487-2383. Nomination forms must be received by Dec. 1, 2009.

Nominations may be submitted by peers, parents, co-workers, volunteers, children, and youth. They cannot be accepted from individuals within the nominee's chain-of-command. If you have any questions, please contact the project officers, Ms. Toni Henson or Ms. Susan Brasel, HQ AFSVA/SVPY, Commercial (210) 652-4045 or DSN 487-4045.

Breakfast with Santa

Bring your child to Youth Programs on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., for a nice breakfast and a chance to sit on Santa's lap. Santa will arrive at 9 a.m. and depart at 11 a.m. This free event is for all ages.

Please call by COB Thursday, Dec. 3 to sign up for one of the following breakfast times: 8:30 - 9:25 a.m., 9:30 - 10:25 a.m., or 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Don't forget to bring your camera! For more information, call 494-4747.

Auto Hobby Shop December Special

For just the cost of a stall fee, the Auto Hobby Shop will perform a safety check on your vehicle during the month of December. For more information, call 494-2537.

