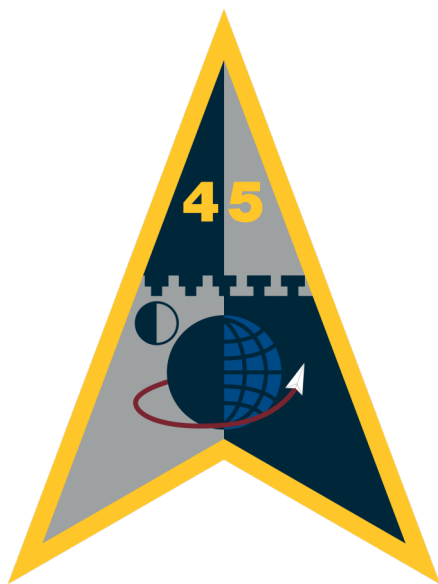


Space Launch Delta 45



Change of Command Ceremony

26 June 2025

*Sharkatorium
Patrick Space Force Base, Florida*

THE HISTORY BEHIND CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Change of Command Ceremony has been a part of military history dating back to the reign of Frederick the Great of Prussia. During that time, organizational flags were created with color arrangements and symbols unique to a particular unit. Soldiers dedicated their loyalty and trust to this flag. When a change of command was to take place, the outgoing commander would pass the flag to his successor. This gesture was accomplished in front of the unit so all could witness their new commander assuming this position. This symbolic tradition has survived through generations of military history. Today, the primary purpose of a change of command is to allow subordinates to witness the formality of command change from one officer to another. The ceremony itself is simple and direct. The outgoing commander takes their place before the presiding officer, salutes and states, "Sir, I relinquish command." The incoming officer, salutes and states, "Sir, I assume command." Few words are spoken, but in those words,

"We Begin Anew"

Sequence of Events

Welcome

Arrival of the Official Party

Ruffles and Flourishes

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

*Remarks by
Lieutenant General Philip A. Garrant*

*Medal Presentation to
Brigadier General Kristin L. Panzenhagen*

*Remarks by
Brigadier General Kristin L. Panzenhagen*

Change of Command

*Remarks by
Colonel Brian L. Chatman*

Semper Supra

Departure of the Official Party

Reception following at the Tides



Space Launch Delta 45 History

Naval Air Station Banana River operated as a training base for amphibious aircraft in the 1940s, and facilitated offshore surveillance of enemy submarines during World War II. In 1948, the Air Force acquired it for use as a joint service testing site for guided missile systems, and in 1949 established the Joint Long Range Proving Ground (JLRPG).

In August 1950, shortly after the successful launch of Bumper 8 at Cape Canaveral, JLRPG transitioned from a joint service command to an Air Force owned organization known as the Long Range Proving Ground Division. The Air Force concurrently renamed the installation Patrick Air Force Base in honor of General Mason M. Patrick, an airpower visionary who served as Chief of the Air Service in WWI and was instrumental in the creation of the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1926.

The Air Force redesignated the unit several times while personnel supported the nation's key space and missile programs. The unit was designated the Air Force Missile Test Center in June 1951, then the Air Force Eastern Test Range in May 1964. In October 1979, following a brief period of inactivation, the unit returned as the Eastern Space and Missile Center which in turn was designated as the 45th Space Wing (45 SW) in November 1991.

On 20 December 2019, the United States Space Force (USSF) was established within the Department of the Air Force as the sixth branch of the Armed Forces. Nearly a year later, the USSF received the newly redesignated Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station as the service's first installations in December 2020. The 45 SW was redesignated as Space Launch Delta 45 in May 2021. Since the liftoff of Bumper 8, there have been more than 3700 major launches on the Eastern Range. Today, SLD 45 carries forward a proud heritage of overseeing the world's premier gateway to space.



Lieutenant General Philip A. Garrant

Lt. Gen. Philip A. Garrant is Commander, Space Systems Command, headquartered at Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He is responsible for more than 15,000 military, civilian and contractor personnel worldwide and an annual budget of \$15.6 billion, while managing the research, design, development, acquisition, launch, and sustainment of satellites and the associated command and control systems. His extensive portfolio includes military satellite communication, missile warning, navigation and timing, space-based weather, space launch and test ranges, space superiority, responsive space and other emerging evolutionary space programs.

Prior to Space Systems Command, Lt. Gen. Garrant served as the Deputy Chief of Space Operations, Strategy, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, and had the overall responsibility for the strategies, requirements, and budget of the United State Space Force.

Lt. Gen. Garrant received his commission from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Maryland in 1991. During his career, he has served in a variety of acquisition positions including Systems Engineer, Program Manager, Program Element Monitor, Squadron Commander, Senior Materiel Leader, Deputy Program Executive Officer and Program Executive.



Brigadier General Kristin L. Panzenhagen

Brigadier General Kristin L. Panzenhagen leads the Assured Access to Space enterprise and is tri-hatted as Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Assured Access to Space; Commander, Space Launch Delta (SLD) 45; and Director of the Eastern Range. She also serves as the Space Force University Partnership Program Champion for Purdue University.

Within the Assured Access to Space enterprise, General Panzenhagen leads 12,000 people and executes a \$3B annual budget. As PEO, she is responsible for the National Security Space Launch Program; Rocket System Launch Program; Launch and Test Range System Program; and Servicing, Mobility, and Logistics portfolio, ensuring access to and maneuver through space for national security missions. As SLD 45 Commander, she runs the world's busiest spaceport and is responsible for delivering infrastructure, operations, and support for all Eastern Range launch and test missions. She is the installation commander for Patrick SFB, Cape Canaveral SFS, and Ascension Island. As Director of the Eastern Range, she is responsible for the safety of launch and test operations across a 15-million-square-mile area.

General Panzenhagen entered the Air Force as a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Purdue University in 2000. She began her career as an aircraft maintenance officer, then transitioned to the developmental engineering career field. She has managed programs for both the air and space domains and held multiple staff assignments. She has commanded at the squadron and delta levels.

General Panzenhagen deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia for Operation SOUTHERN WATCH; to Al Anbar, Iraq for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; and to Camps Slayer and Liberty, Iraq for Operation NEW DAWN.



Colonel Brian L. Chatman

Colonel Brian Chatman serves as the Director, Space Systems Engineering Directorate for the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration. His team is responsible for developing and integrating the DoD, DAF, and USSF space architectures. His organization optimized the Space Force's \$15B portfolio of resilient space capabilities. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Senior Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital where he served as the strategic advisor on total force organization, policy implementation, and oversight administration. He is an Eisenhower School graduate and previously served as the Deputy Commander of the 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg AFB, CA. There, he led over 500 military, civilian and contractor personnel supporting all aspects of spacelift operations, and missile and aeronautical testing on the Western Range. He commanded the 2d Space Launch Squadron and led its diverse mission set, including National Security Space Launch Operations and Mission Assurance, Launch Service Provider Certification, Small Commercial Spacelift Mission Integration, Minotaur booster handling operations, multiple US Army ballistic test launches, and recovery of the X-37B Spaceplane.

Colonel Chatman commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Kent State University in Ohio. His primary duties have included Special Operations intelligence, aircraft and space systems acquisition program management, space operations, and serving as an operational liaison between the Intelligence Community, the Special Operations community, and the Air Force and Space Force.

Colonel Chatman has deployed multiple times to Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operational ENDURING FREEDOM and Operational IRAQI FREEDOM, and he has operated in more than 25 countries around the world.

Semper Supra

*We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue,
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high.*