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NROL-52 Soars Like an Eagle

A National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payload was successfully launched aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex 41, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, at 3:28 a.m., EDT, on Oct. 15, 2017.

“Never before has innovation been more important for keeping us ahead of the game. As the eagle soars, so will the advanced capabilities this payload provides to our national security,” said Colonel Matthew Skeen, USAF, Director, NRO Office of Space Launch. “Kudos to the entire team for a job well done.”

NROL-52 is the fourth of five launches slated for the NRO in 2017. The next NRO launch is on schedule for December from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

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