

# NRO YEAR IN REVIEW



# 2020

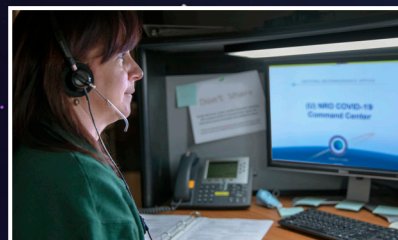
WE SEE OPPORTUNITY IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

## LEADING CHANGE: PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR



During his eight years as the NRO principal deputy director and throughout his 34 years of distinguished federal service, Mr. Frank Calvelli was an adaptive leader with a tremendous legacy of commitment to the nation he served. Mr. Calvelli was succeeded by the NRO's own Dr. Troy Meink, who transitioned to the duties of principal deputy director Oct. 5.

## RESILIENT WORK FORCE



Recognizing the success of the NRO mission relies on the health of the people, the COVID Command Center was established in March to guide the organization's rapid response during the COVID-19 national emergency. With extensive mitigation measures in place, the NRO reported the lowest incidence of positive COVID cases across the IC.

## LAUNCHED 1<sup>ST</sup> NRO CADRE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

At the heart of the NRO mission is its people — people who take satellites from idea to orbit. In 2020, a group of interns successfully participated in the inaugural class, representing pivotal first steps toward careers with the world's leader in space intelligence systems.

## OUR PEOPLE FUEL THE MISSION

*"Due to the incredible efforts of our people and partners, the NRO's systems maintained 100 percent of their capabilities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic."*

– Dr. Christopher Scolese, NRO Director



## 12<sup>th</sup> CONSECUTIVE CLEAN FINANCIAL AUDIT

MISSION | ACCOUNTABILITY | TRUST

The American people can continue to trust the NRO's unparalleled management of taxpayer dollars within the Intelligence Community.

## DELIVERED FINAL 9 OF 27 FUTURE GROUND ARCHITECTURE CAPABILITIES

Future Ground Architecture (FGA) 2.0 systems extend our ground portfolio with enhanced capabilities that will support new spacecraft and sensors while meeting critical mission requirements.



# OVERCOMING CHALLENGES, MEETING MISSION

NRO RAPIDLY ADAPTS IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

## 6 LAUNCHES IN 2020

Millions of people depend on the vital intelligence NRO capabilities provide every day. We push the limits of technology and make the impossible possible.

### LAUNCH OVERVIEW

NRO's workforce rapidly adapted throughout 2020 leading to 6 successful rocket launches with 12 payloads. **NROL-151** was our first dedicated launch with Rocket Lab in New Zealand in January. In June we again collaborated with Rocket Lab to launch the "**Don't Stop Me Now**" mission—both of these launches were under the Rapid Acquisition of a Small Rocket (RASR) contract. In July, we collaborated with NASA, Northrop Grumman, and Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport to launch **NROL-129**, our first dedicated launch out of NASA Wallops Flight Facility. **NROL-101**, **NROL-44**, and **NROL-108** were launched during a busy period in late 2020 out of Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

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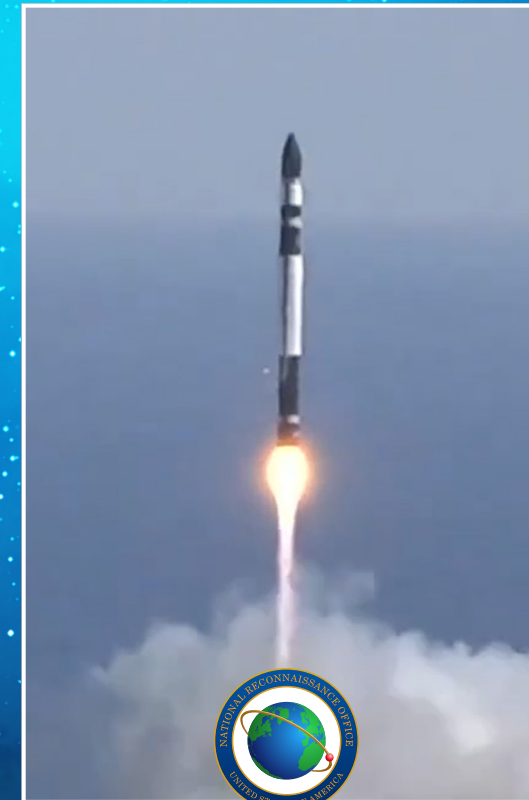
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**NROL-151**  
31 January



**RASR-2**  
13 June



**NROL-129**  
15 July



**NROL-101**  
13 November



**NROL-44**  
10 December



**NROL-108**  
19 December