

Navy launches new communications satellite

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(AP) -- The Navy has launched a new communications satellite after two weather-related scrubs last week.

An Atlas V rocket carrying the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS) satellite launched from Cape Canaveral at 5:15 p.m. Friday.

The \$2.1 billion narrowband tactical satellite communications system was built by [Lockheed Martin](#) and is designed to improve ground communications with mobile ground forces.

It's the first of five that will replace the current Ultra High Frequency Follow-On (UFO) system. MUOS is designed to move 10 times more information than the existing systems. The communications will use voice, video and data simultaneously using 3G technology.

More information: Lockheed Martin MUOS:
<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/products/mobile-user-objective-system--muos-.html>

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