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MIT and Georgia Tech Pay Tribute to Troops with Discount Spots on Spacecraft
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MIT and Georgia Tech students, who are developing a ground-breaking research satellite, are offering discounted space on the side of their satellite to honor U.S. military servicemen and women. The offer is available through the website www.YourNameIntoSpace.org – where anyone can post a picture or message on the outside of the spacecraft for as low as \$35. All active duty personnel, reservists, retired military, veterans and their families, as well as those who wish to honor a specific active duty service member by name, will receive a 20 percent discount for all spots on the satellite in the month of July, in honor of Independence Day. To receive the discount, individuals must call the Your**NameIntoSpace** sales line at (US) 857-998-7440.

“Our satellite and website provide a place for people to make a significant statement recognizing the sacrifices these men and women make for us each day... We’ve tried to make it easy for the troops and the people who appreciate them to recognize and pay tribute to loved ones,” said Col. John Keesee, Program Manager.

Your**NameIntoSpace** is a novel fundraising initiative of the student-led Mars Gravity Biosatellite program at MIT and Georgia Tech. Anyone can post a picture or message on the outside of the satellite for a small, tax-deductible donation as low as \$35. While in orbit, images on the outside of the spacecraft will be photographed with views of the Earth and space. The donations help the students pay for the development and construction of their satellite.

The Mars Gravity Biosatellite is a small Earth-orbiting research spacecraft which will be launched into orbit in 2010. The data gathered will be critical to preparing for human missions to Mars and beyond. For more information check out <http://www.yournameintospace.org> and <http://www.marsgravity.org>.