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NASA TV broadcasts briefing Friday on ISS spacewalk

Celebrate African-American achievements with BEST

▲ **ISS Update:** The first spacewalk by the International Space Station (ISS) residents is the subject of a news conference at 2 p.m. Friday at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The spacewalk by Expedition 10 Commander and NASA Station Science Officer Leroy Chiao and Flight Engineer Salizhan Sharipov is scheduled for Jan. 26. Both the news conference and spacewalk will be broadcast live on NASA TV.

ISS program officials will outline details of the spacewalk and a second one that is planned for the crew in late March in a briefing to include questions from media at participating NASA centers. Participants in the news conference are Mark Geyer, ISS Manager for Integration and Operations; Derek Hassmann, Expedition 10 EVA Flight Director, and Scott Bleisath, Expedition 10 Lead EVA Officer.

Chiao and Sharipov plan to exit the Pirs docking compartment airlock hatch and begin their work outside at about 2:25 a.m. EST. The EVA is expected to last about four and a half hours.

This will be the first spacewalk by Chiao and Sharipov during their stay aboard the Station. They will install a new work platform on the exterior of the Zvezda living quarters module. They also will hook up a small robotic experiment and install

other scientific gear on the Station's exterior.

▲ **KSC Celebrates 2005 African-American History Month:** The KSC Black Employee Strategy Team (BEST) will host the events during 2005 African-American History Month (AAHM). BEST emphasizes that **all** KSC employees are invited to participate as KSC celebrates the many achievements and contributions of African-Americans whose legacies continue to be an inspiration to employees, the space program, our nation and the world. *BEST Fridays* are Feb. 4, 18 and 25, where employees are encouraged to wear BEST or KSC logo shirts and partake the African-American entrees served in the cafeterias. On Feb. 11, the *AAHM Luncheon* will be held at the Debus Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Keynote speaker is NASA Deputy Administrator Frederick D. Gregory. The AAHM celebration concludes Feb. 27 with *church fellowship* and an 11 a.m. service at Grace Baptist Church in Titusville.

Tickets for the luncheon are on sale through Feb. 8. Only 300 tickets will be sold for this event, so please don't wait to purchase your ticket, available from Sena Jones, HQ/3257, 867-3950; Wanda Petty, HQ/2321B, 867-9165; Truemilla Johnson, HQ/2610B, 867-2307; Maggie Starke, HQ/2223, 867-3305; Debbie Houston, O&C/3018, 867-6923;

Charmel Anderson, O&C/3147, 867-2938; Hortense Burt, 4th Floor, 867-2386; Carol Davis, SSPF/3220J, 867-5942; Maxine Daniels, SSPF/3228X, 867-5976; LaTasha Walker, Logistics Bldg./2710F2, 861-7439; Willie Moore, OSB/4309K1, 861-4862; and Tamiko Fletcher, Hangar I Annex/214, 476-4049.

■ **Federally Employed Women To Award Scholarships** — Each year, the Federally Employed Women Space Coast Chapter awards scholarships for dependents of KSC employees who are either graduating seniors in high school or already enrolled in college as undergraduate students. Last year, the Chapter sponsored eight students to help defray the cost of college necessities. Each scholarship ranged from \$500 to \$1,000. The call is out for this year. The chapter is accepting applications until March 25. The winners will be notified no later than April 30. You can obtain an application by contacting Betty Valentine at UB-I-3, or *Elizabeth.Valentine-1@nasa.gov*, or 861-2016.

■ **Did You Know?** An auction is being held at Ransom Road Bldg. M6-1671 at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 2. Inspection is available Feb. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, please call 867-7605 or visit the Web site at <http://surplus.ksc.nasa.gov>.