



KSC reorganizes to embrace Vision

New NASA/NOAA GOES-N launch date

▲ **KSC Reorg:** Center management is planning a reorganization, scheduled to be in place by mid-October, to prepare Kennedy Space Center for the future, including the Vision for Space Exploration. One of the final steps will be the release of the Exploration Systems Architecture Study results. This information will define the structure for follow-on launch vehicles and for going back to the Moon.

Meanwhile, an Organizational Development Team (ODT) is identifying changes that will help organizations carry out their assigned functions. The ODT includes areas of Leadership, led by Human Resources Director Pat Simpkins; Exploration, led by ISS/Payload Processing Director Tip Talone; and Design, Development and Sustaining Engineering, led by Center Operations Director Scott Kerr. Leadership encompasses Communications, Workforce Planning, and Moves and Business Systems sub-teams.

Details will be given during a KSC Director All Hands planned for September. Look for more information about the ODT in the Sept. 2 issue of *Spaceport News*.

▲ **ELV Update:** The launch of the NASA/NOAA Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES)-N Earth-observing satellite

was delayed due to last-minute technical issues. The launch is now targeted for Oct. 6. GOES-N is the latest in a series of Earth- monitoring satellites. It will provide a constant vigil of the atmospheric "triggers" for severe weather conditions such as tornadoes, flash floods, hail storms and hurricanes.

■ **Spirit Briefing** – NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Spirit reached the summit of Husband Hill, part of the range the rover first observed on the distant horizon from its landing site in January 2004.



A news briefing Thursday at NASA Headquarters will reveal what Spirit is seeing, as well as the current status and what we have learned from both Spirit and its twin, Opportunity. The briefing will begin at 1 p.m. and will be carried live on NASA Television and on the Web at <http://www.nasa.gov/ntv>.

■ **Intercenter Walk/Run** – The KSC Fitness Centers are sponsoring the Intercenter Walk/Run on Tuesday,

Sept. 27 at the Shuttle Landing Facility. The 2-mile walk/run, 5k run or 10k



run are **FREE** for all Spaceport employees. Stop by either fitness center by Sept. 23 to pre-register. Late registration takes place at the race. T-shirts may be ordered at any NASA exchange store. The order deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 20 for shirts to be delivered before the race.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, please e-mail Deb at orrindl@kscems.ksc.nasa.gov or call 867-7829.

■ **NASA Science** – Venus, Jupiter and the Moon are nearing each other, producing breathtaking sunsets. For more details, read the full story at http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2005/26aug_sunset.htm?list29875.

■ **Did You Know?** You can go to the Web site <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/> for information on the ISS crew's activities aboard the Space Station, future launch dates, as well as Station sighting opportunities from anywhere on Earth. Details on Station science operations can be found at <http://scipoc.msfc.nasa.gov/>, a site administered by the Payload Operations Center at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala..