White House Moves To Fill NASA Deputy Administrator Position

President George W. Bush has announced his intention to nominate Frederick D. Gregory as the next Deputy Administrator for NASA.

Gregory, 61, is a veteran astronaut and U.S. Air Force combat pilot, and currently serves as the Associate Administrator for the Office of Space Flight at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

“I am delighted with the President’s decision and I’m hopeful for an expeditious Senate confirmation,” said NASA Administrator Sean O’Keefe. “Fred’s legacy of mission safety and his experience as a Space Shuttle commander, aviator and senior agency manager make him an excellent selection.”

NASA Administrator Names Langley Director Associate Administrator Of Aerospace Technology

Dr. Jeremiah F. Creedon, Director of the NASA Langley Research Center has been named Associate Administrator for the Office of Aerospace Technology at NASA Headquarters effective June 15.

Samuel L. Venneri, who has been Associate Administrator for the Enterprise since February 2000, will remain at Headquarters as Chief Technologist, a second position he has held since 1996.

In making the announcement, Administrator Sean O’Keefe praised the work of both men. “Sam has been effectively wearing two hats since 1996, but I felt it was time he focused on a technology strategy for the agency. I feel fortunate that someone of Jerry’s caliber was available to step up and assume the duties of Acting Director.”

If confirmed as Deputy Administrator, Gregory will serve as the chief operating officer for the agency and report directly to Administrator O’Keefe. He will be responsible for directing and managing many of the programs as well as the day-to-day operations and activities at NASA.

Before being named to his current position in December 2001, Gregory served as Associate Administrator for the Office of Safety and Mission Assurance and was charged with the oversight of all safety issues within NASA. He developed, implemented and managed quality assurance policies that dealt with reliability and maintainability.

“This agency has the safest and most successful aeronautics and aerospace programs in the world,” said Gregory. “I deeply appreciate the opportunity to build on that foundation of success as NASA moves into a new era.”

Wallops All-hands

All Wallops employees, civilian service and contractors, are invited to attend a Director’s All-hands at 9 a.m. on May 22 in the Wallops Gym.

There will be an overview and discussion of Mission 2005.
CREAM Testing at Wallops

Personnel from Carrier Systems Branch (Code 546) with assistance from NSROC and NSI Technology Services, Inc., recently concluded verification testing of the Cosmic Ray Energetics and Mass (CREAM) ballooncraft instrument support structure. Tests included frequency response, load/deflection, and proof testing.

The CREAM instrument is being developed by the University of Maryland and is scheduled to fly on an Ultra-Long Duration Balloon from Antarctica during the winter of 2003-04.

Photo by Mark Cording.

NASA Visitor Center June Events

June 1 -- “Model Rocket Launch”
A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

June 22 -- Flight Day
10 a.m.- Aeronautical Oddities Movie. Entertaining 15-minute film about early aviators and their “flying” machines.
10:30 a.m. - Stunt Kite Demonstration.
11 a.m. - Puppet Show: Puppets and Planes. Airplane enthusiast puppets, Jenny and Jeff, teach kids about aeronautics.
11:30 a.m. - Make your own sled kite. Kids make and fly their own kites during this 30-minute hands-on program. All materials are provided by the NASA Visitor Center.
12:30 p.m. - Aeronautical Oddities Movie.
1 p.m. - Stunt Kite Demonstration.
1:30 p.m. - Basics of Flight. Children all ages are introduced to the basics of flight and experiment with paper airplanes.
2:30 p.m. - Puppet Show: Puppets and Planes.
3:30 p.m. - Stunt Kite Demonstration

Available all day:
Scavenger Hunt
Special aeronautics exhibits Bernoulli table

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Monday.

Admission to Visitor Center Programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

NASA’s Vision and Mission

The NASA vision is:
To improve life here, To extend life to there, To find life beyond

The NASA mission is:
To understand and protect our home planet
To explore the Universe and search for life
To inspire the next generation of explorers... as only NASA can

For the complete text of NASA’s vision and mission statement visit: http://www.nasa.gov/bios/vision.html

Memorial Day

Flags will be flown at half-staff on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

The National Moment of Remembrance will be at 3 p.m. EDT on Memorial Day. At that time, Americans should stop what they are doing and think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. For people driving at the time, they can think for one minute about those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

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The berry-like fruit on some plants also changes from green to off-white in the fall, and lose their leaves in the winter.

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Avoid the Poison Plants

“Leaves of three, beware of me”

Looking for “leaves of three” is just one way to notice poisonous plants.

An even better saying would be “leaflets of three, beware of me,” because each leaf has three smaller leaflets. Poison sumac has a whole row of paired leaflets.

If you think you’ve touched a poisonous plant, wash any uncovered areas with cold running water within five minutes, if you can. The water may keep the oil from touching your skin and spreading to other parts of your body. If you can’t get to plain water in five minutes, wash with soap and water as soon as possible.

Use a skin cream like IvyBlock™ if you think you might be near poison ivy, oak or sumac. IvyBlock ™ keeps the poisonous oil from getting into your skin.

Wash your clothes with a garden hose outside or in a washing machine with detergent as soon as you can. Because the oil can stay active for a long time, wash anything it could have touched like camping, sporting, fishing or hunting gear.

Taking cool showers and spreading calamine lotion over the rash may relieve the itching. Soaking in a lukewarm bath with a special oatmeal or baking soda mixture will relieve irritation.

For bad cases, your dermatologist may recommend cortisone (COR-tiz-zone) to keep the rash from spreading.

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For Sale

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