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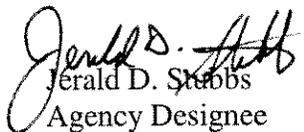
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Attendance at the Tropical Evening with the Astronauts Dinner

On November 8, 2008, the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) will host the Tropical Evening with the Astronauts dinner at the Radisson at the Port. This event will celebrate the success of the thirty hero astronauts from the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, and Space Shuttle program. Invitations have been distributed across the country and more than 400 guests are expected to attend the dinner. These guests will include corporate and industry executives and workers, members of academia, representatives of aerospace contractors, community leaders, Federal government officials, and other space enthusiasts. The cost of attendance is \$35 a person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. The event will provide NASA employees with an opportunity to discuss matters of interest with officials from a diverse group of attendees representing industry, the local community, academia, other Federal agencies, and the general public. Through attendance, NASA employees will be able to publicize and discuss these historic missions as well as NASA's ongoing activities. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect ASF may accept an invitation for free attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect ASF should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office.

  
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