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2007 NASA Honor Awards

Congratulations to the following NASA Wallops Flight Facility employees that received NASA Honor Awards during a ceremony held at Goddard Space Flight Center on May 14.

Exceptional Achievement Medal

This medal is awarded to any person in the Federal service for a significant specific accomplishment or substantial improvement in operations, efficiency, service, financial savings, science or technology which contributes to the mission of NASA.



Brian Abresch – Electrical Engineering Branch

“For your significant and substantial technology contributions associated with Over-the-Horizon and TDRSS Communication Systems in support of the NASA Balloon Program Office.”

Gordon Marsh – Safety Office

“For your outstanding support provided to the NASA Wallops Flight Facility projects, specifically in support of the Ground Safety Group.”

Equal Employment Opportunity Medal

This medal is awarded to both government and non-government individuals for outstanding achievement and material contributions to the goals of NASA’s Equal Employment Opportunity Programs either within government or within community organizations or groups.



Freda Johnson – Facilities Management Branch

“For outstanding leadership of diversity awareness campaigns and student outreach programs at the Wallops Flight Facility.”

Exceptional Service Medal

This medal is awarded for significant, sustained performance characterized by unusual initiative or creative ability that clearly demonstrates substantial improvements which contributes to NASA’s programs.



Bob Ray – Mechanical Systems Branch

“For more than 20 years of significant and innovative technical contributions to WFF suborbital programs and projects.”

Group Achievement Award

This team award is presented to a group of government employees or a group comprised of government and non-government personnel for outstanding accomplishments through the coordination of many individual efforts which have contributed substantially to NASA’s mission.

Low-Cost TDRSS Transceiver Development Team

“For significant engineering achievements and tireless dedication on the Low-Cost TDRSS Transceiver Development Project.”

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On the Road

On May 17, John Campbell, NASA Suborbital and Special Orbital Projects Directorate; Jack Vieira, NASA Range and Mission Management Office; Betty Flowers and Rebecca Hudson, NASA Public Affairs Office, attended a Transfer of Command Ceremony at the Herbert Bateman Center on Assateague Island for Coast Guard Sector Field Office Eastern Shore.

Barbara Lusby, NASA Management Operations Directorate, was the guest speaker for the Accomack County Women’s Club, Onley, VA., on May 17.

Keith Koehler, NASA Public Affairs Office; Dave Pierce, NASA Balloon Program Office; and Ed Parrott, Wallops Teacher-On-Loan, conducted a science night event at St. Francis deSales Church School, Salisbury, MD., on May 17.

Roland Wescott, NASA Safety Office, took part in a Career Day event at Pocomoke (MD) Middle School on May 21.

Thanks!

“Please accept my sincere appreciation on behalf of the entire NFIRE team for the outstanding work by the Wallops Flight Facility team in their preparation for and execution of the successful launch of the NFIRE mission.

Your team continues to be an outstanding partner in executing critical national security space launch missions from the East Coast. I commend their passion, flexibility and can do attitude. All were key to successfully completing the first MDA space launch in over 12 years.

Again, congratulations to your team for their tremendous efforts, they should be very proud of their accomplishments on NFIRE. We look forward to our next campaign together.”

Samuel J. McCraw, Col., USAF
NFIRE Mission Director

Public Service Recognition Week on the Mall

Men and women who serve America in the Federal, state and local government were honored during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 – 13. Public employees use the week to educate citizens about the many ways the Federal government serves the people and how federal government services make life better for all of us.

More than 100 government agencies sponsored colorful exhibits on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., that showcased the innovative and high-quality work of public employees. Approximately 50,000 people visited the exhibits during the week.



Photo courtesy of Jan Jackson.

John Hickman and Chuck Brodell, NASA Sounding Rocket Programs Office; Greg Smith, NASA Safety Office; Glenn Maxfield (pictured), Rob Marshall, and Ricky Stanfield, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract (NSROC) staffed a sounding rocket exhibit. Magdi Said, Gabe Garde and Robert Estep, NASA Balloon Program Office, staffed a scientific ballooning exhibit.

Employees' Right to Union Representation

The Civil Service Reform Act gives employees, represented by an exclusive labor organization, the right to request representation during investigative examinations.

Often referred to as the “Weingarten Rights,” after a 1975 Supreme Court decision, this was extended to Federal employees by the Federal labor relations statute.

Statutory Requirement: 5 U.S.C. 7114(a)(2)(B)
(2) An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at:

(B) any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if —

(i) the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and (ii) the employee requests representation.

An investigative examination refers to an interview concerning alleged misconduct where the employee has reason to believe that he or she may be subject to disciplinary action. Routine work-related conversations, instructions, or guidance given by a supervisor and performance reviews are examples of discussions that are not covered.

NASA Day at Kings Dominion Saturday, June 16, 2007

Regular Tickets

Ages 3 - 61
\$35 purchased by June 5
\$38 after June 5

Junior and Senior Tickets

Those that are Age 62+ or under 48" tall
\$29 purchased by June 5
\$32 after June 5
Children under 3 are admitted free

Price of ticket includes an all you can eat lunch consisting of:

Roasted Chicken, Hot Dogs, or Hamburgers
Rolls
Condiments (includes Chili & Cheese w/ Hot Dogs)
Soft Drinks or Iced Tea
Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit
Pasta Salad

Tickets are on sale at the Wallops Exchange, Building E-2. Call Karen Shannon at x2020 for more information

Diversity Council Words to Live By

“America is not a melting pot. It is a sizzling cauldron.”....Barbara Mikulski

Memorial Day -- May 28



A day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

The next *Inside Wallops* will be June 4.
Have a safe holiday.

Every Belt, Every Ride

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of on-the-job fatalities in America. Using a seat belt cuts the risk of death 45 - 60%.

As part of an overall occupant restraint system, seat belts are intended to reduce injuries by stopping the wearer from hitting hard interior elements of the vehicle or other passengers and by preventing the wearer from being thrown from the vehicle.



Seat belt usage is a requirement when operating a government or personal vehicle at Wallops Main Base, Mainland or Wallops Island. Always buckle up before you start the engine.

Executive Order 13043, “Increasing Seat Belt Use” in the United States, dated April 16, 1997, requires all Federal employees to use seat belts while on official business. This includes traveling from building to building at Wallops or Greenbelt and also is intended for “contractors” driving or passengers in a vehicle on federal property.

Always wear your seat belt; “Every Belt – Every Ride”. Direct questions or comments to Robert Nock at x2559.

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