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Michoud Dedicates Hero's Way During NASA Day of Remembrance



NASA Officials Dedicate Michoud's Hero's Way by cutting the ribbon. Pictured left to right are: Steve Doering, Michael Kynard, Theresa Vanhooser, Steve Bowen, Todd May, and Malcolm Wood.

Every February, NASA pauses in a Day of Remembrance to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that NASA Astronauts have paid in pursuit of NASA's efforts to explore space. On Feb. 5, Michoud employees gathered in Building 103 to honor those individuals and to dedicate the north corridor of Building 103 as Hero's Way. The corridor's walls are lined with Space Shuttle mission patches and flags to commemorate the multiple NASA programs that Michoud has supported since 1961.

NASA representatives including Teresa Vanhooser, deputy director of Marshall Space Flight Center, Mike Kynard, deputy director of Michoud Assembly Facility, and Malcolm Wood, deputy chief operating officer of Michoud Assembly Facility, attended the ceremony and gave remarks on Michoud's long history and legacy of supporting human space exploration.

"Behind every hero is a great team of women and men who

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La. Company Supports NASA's Game Changing Development Program



Mezzo Technologies, based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, held an industry day Feb. 24, to highlight work being done under NASA's Game Changing Development (GCD) program. Pictured above, NASA GCD program executive Ryan Stephan explains the technology to a member of the media. The company is working on a water-based phase change material heat exchanger (photo inset). The current technology demonstration unit will lead to a product that will be tested on the International Space Station and potentially flown as part of the thermal systems on the Orion spacecraft.

Conrad Industries Receives Award



Conrad Industries, Inc., in a ceremony held Feb. 12, was presented with a NASA Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award. The award ceremony was held in Morgan City at the Conrad shipyard where Pegasus is undergoing modifications to prepare the vessel for transporting the Space Launch System core stage. This award honors outstanding performance by suppliers who support NASA.

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will do anything and everything they can to support them," said Wood. "You, the women and men of Michoud, provide the highest quality product on time, every time. Michoud has always met the challenges that have been posed to us."



NASA Astronaut Stephen Bowen also participated in the ceremony and spoke about how honored he was to be asked to participate in the dedication of Hero's Way. "Walking down the hallway, I was thinking about some of my colleagues who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in their service to NASA and The United States of America's human space exploration ambitions. We all knew the risks, and it makes you think hard about what you are doing. When we got on our vehicle in February of 2011, we had every confidence in what the Michoud workforce could do."



A bronze plaque was placed to commemorate the dedication of Hero's Way. The inscription reads: Hero's Way honors the men and women who have reached beyond our planet to further our knowledge, challenge our capabilities, and inspire humanity to explore the universe.



Have you inspected your personal protective equipment and work tools lately? Take the time before each job to inspect the equipment that you are about to use. Remember, the safety of yourself and your co-workers depends on it!

Dorothy Rasco Visits Michoud



On Feb. 12, Dorothy Rasco, the NASA deputy associate administrator for the Space Technology Mission Directorate (pictured third from the left), pauses for a photo with Michoud employees. She visited the facility to view progress on the Space Launch System core stage and the Orion spacecraft.

Engineering Week



On Feb. 26, Lockheed Martin Michoud Operations celebrated Engineering Week by inviting engineering students from Louisiana universities to visit Michoud. Students toured the facility and participated in an engineering design challenge which pitted the students in a friendly competition against Lockheed Martin employees.

Letters from Leadership

Hello and welcome to the second addition of the new Michoud Messenger. As you are aware from your commute, work continues on the Front Door Project and changes to traffic patterns can happen on a daily basis. Please slow down and continue to be careful when coming to work or leaving in the afternoons as work continues on the entrance to road leading to the facility. We expect the front door project to be complete by the end of June.

In terms of visible construction, work on the Coast Guard Exchange gas station has started in earnest with an expected MSFOC completion date of June 2015. Here too there have been minor changes to the traffic patterns to facilitate the ongoing work. I know everyone is looking forward to being able to purchase gas on site in the near future. However, the activation

of the gas pumps will be dependent on the Coast Guard's agreement with their suppliers. Also ongoing is the concrete pad work in front of building 110 which is expected to be finished in July 2015.

This year, the facility has reached an incredible milestone with regard to transformation to a multi-tenant facility. With the expansion of Vivace in building 103, the main 103 manufacturing complex is now 93% occupied and the total facility is now 87% occupied. With Vivaci entering into the commercial vehicle business, Michoud will once again have SLS, Orion, and commercial vehicle work ongoing in the facility. With the facility nearing capacity, we are also pursuing opportunities with commercial companies to construct and rent new buildings on undeveloped land at Michoud. The first area that we are targeting is the old

Coast Guard Facility site which already has some utilities and infrastructure in place.

Finally, the Synergy Achieving Consolidation Operations and Maintenance Contract is scheduled to be awarded this summer. The new contract, which will consolidate Operations and Maintenance at Michoud and the Stennis Space Center, will be the first of its kind in the Agency. In this effort we are working hard to plan for the transition and continue to support our tenants during transition. For those of you affected by the new contract, please stay focused on your job at hand and don't let distractions affect you or your teammates safety.

-Roy Malone, Director of Michoud

McDonough 32 Visit



A group of students from McDonough 32 Literacy Charter School visited Michoud on Feb. 12. The school rewards their high performing students by bringing them on field trips throughout New Orleans. These students earned their opportunity to visit Michoud with high marks in math and science.

Keep It Up, M.S.F.O.C.!

NASA congratulates the Manufacturing Support and Facility Operations Contract, or MSFOC, workforce for their outstanding safety record. Jacobs Technology, along with teammates Qualis, Geocent, MTS, JIT, CORE, Porter Industries, and ABS have worked 1,163,045 hours without a lost time injury. This equates to 18 months without a lost time event. This milestone demonstrates MSFOC's commitment to Beyond Zero and the establishment of an accident-free/injury-free work environment.

Getting to Know You!

Name:
Melanie Jennings

Position:
Lockheed Martin
Environment, Safety, and
Health Engineer

Where do you call home?
Metairie, Louisiana



What is your favorite thing about your job?
I enjoy having the opportunity to interface with all programs and tenants at Michoud. I also serve as Lockheed Martin Director's Cup coordinator. The Director's Cup program allows tenants to meet each other in friendly competition. Now when you see people in the cafeteria, the factory, or the gym you know who they are and what they do.

What are you most proud of with your job?
I am proud that everyone at Michoud takes Safety and the Environment seriously. We work together to ensure that we all go home to our families.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I spend as much time as I can with my eight (soon to be nine) grandchildren. I also enjoy gardening and bicycling.

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