

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Harry G. Craft Jr. began his government service as a co-op student with the U.S. Army at Redstone Arsenal in the late 1950s, and transferred to the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in 1960 as an electrical engineering co-op student. He has served in several Marshall management positions with increasing responsibilities, including Spacelab mission 1 manager, and deputy manager and manager of the Payload Projects Office. He served in the latter position from 1989 to 1994 where he was responsible for managing the Spacelab Program, associated space science missions, Space Station science utilization, and Earth science and microgravity payload development projects. Craft was named to his current position in March 1994 where he is responsible for management of the Center's technology transfer and commercialization initiatives.

Craft earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Auburn University in 1964, and received a master's degree in 1977 in administrative sciences from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He is a member of Eta Kappa Mu Electrical Engineering Honorary Society.

He was awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal in 1984 for his management of the highly successful Spacelab 1 Mission, and received the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal in 1992. Craft was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 1984 and was honored as a Meritorious Executive and received the Presidential Rank Award in 1992. In 1993, he was named Manager of the Year by the local chapter of the National Management Association. From 1986 through 1989, Craft served as a charter member of the NASA Space Flight Safety Panel, which was established to review the Space Transportation System's return-to-flight activities. In 1994, the editors of Technology Transfer Business Magazine selected the Marshall Center technology transfer activity as the best within

NASA, and second nationally in the overall Federal Laboratory System.

Craft has served in a number of Huntsville community and civic organizations. He was selected as a member of the first Leadership 2000 program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and served on the city's Vision 2000 Governmental Planning Group. He has been involved in leadership roles in the community PTA, YMCA, and United Way activities, and he has served as a member of the Huntsville Board of Education's Human Relations Committee. Additionally, Craft serves as the NASA representative on the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce's Engineering, Science, and Technical Committee Steering Council.

Craft was born in Huntsville, Ala., in 1939 and is married to the former Nell Spivey of Birmingham. They reside in Huntsville and have two children, Jeffrey and Karen.

The Marshall Space Flight Center has a leading role in the nation's space program. During the sixties and early seventies, the Center was best known for developing the Saturn rockets and lunar roving vehicles for the Apollo program, and for Skylab, America's first space station. Marshall-developed satellites such as the Hubble Space Telescope have returned a wealth of information in astronomy, astrophysics, and other scientific disciplines.

Currently, the Marshall Center is responsible for a wide variety of NASA projects, ranging from production of propulsion elements for the Space Shuttle to management of Spacelab science research missions and other Space Shuttle payloads. Marshall is NASA's Center of Excellence for Propulsion, and it provides NASA with a wealth of technical expertise in the design of space hardware. The Center's research laboratories and test facilities are among the finest in the world.