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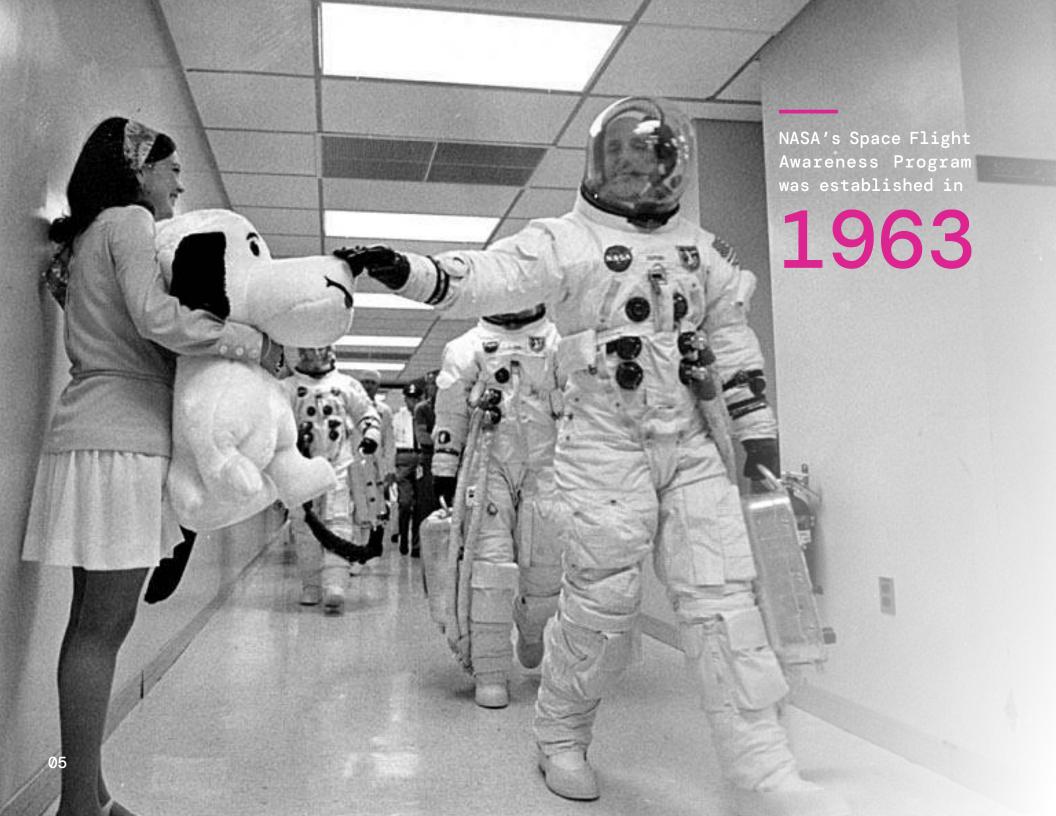
History of Space Flight Awareness

NASA established the Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Motivation and Recognition Program in 1963 during the Mercury and Gemini period to infuse the space program with a renewed and strengthened consciousness of quality and flight safety. As NASA's human spaceflight programs continued and developed, the NASA centers increased the assistance they provided to the employees' motivation programs of their contractors and other government agencies. SFA soon became the watchword of the American space program.

The SFA Program played an integral and increasingly forceful safety role in the Saturn, Apollo Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz projects. By the time the space shuttle first flew, the program had expanded to include subcontractors providing critical hardware, software, and services. As regular space

shuttle missions grew in complexity and the International Space Station became a reality, the SFA Program evolved into one of the single most successful motivational initiatives within all federal and contractor departments and agencies.

The future of spaceflight brings new opportunities and challenges for the SFA Program. To continue to be effective, the program must keep pace with an ever-changing environment of people, systems and processes that design, build, fly and support human spaceflight. For that reason, the SFA Working Group works diligently to ensure an effective and valuable program. SFA continues to focus on excellence in quality and safety – for the lives of the astronauts, for mission success and for the success of America's space program.



Why Snoopy?

For more than 50 years, Snoopy has been an ambassador of NASA's human spaceflight missions, inspiring generations to dream beyond the stars. From the Apollo era to today's Artemis program, Snoopy's enduring connection with NASA continues to fuel excitement and curiosity about space exploration.

This iconic beagle's journey with NASA began during the Apollo missions when Charles M. Schulz brought Snoopy into the space age. Schulz's comic strips of Snoopy on the Moon captured the world's imagination, celebrating America's achievements in space and encouraging a culture of safety in NASA's operations.

Snoopy's first real space adventure took place in 1990, when he soared aboard the space shuttle Columbia during the STS-32 mission. Today, Snoopy's legacy lives on through the prestigious Silver Snoopy Award, a symbol of excellence created during the Apollo era. This award, presented by astronauts to NASA civil servants and contractors, honors outstanding contributions to mission success and human spaceflight safety. Each silver pin featuring an astronaut Snoopy has been flown in space, making it a truly out-of-this-world recognition.



The Space Flight Awareness Program Plan

highlights the incredible milestones we are set to achieve together. Central to the program this year are two exceptional honoree events – moments where we celebrate the dedication and contributions of the workforce that makes NASA's mission possible. These events are not only a time to honor our outstanding team members but also a powerful reminder of the collective passion and expertise driving space exploration.

Space Flight Awareness (SFA) is, at its core, a celebration of excellence and commitment to astronaut safety and mission success. For decades, this program has inspired us all to aim higher and work smarter, ensuring that every decision and action supports our ultimate goal of safe and successful missions. As we continue to expand human presence in space, from Artemis missions to low Earth orbit operations, the importance of this commitment has never been greater.

Looking forward, the SFA program remains focused on fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and teamwork. We are building the future of space exploration, from enabling the next generation of astronauts to reach the Moon and Mars to advancing technologies that benefit humanity here on Earth. Our civil servant and contractor teams play an integral role in this mission and their efforts inspire us to push the boundaries of what is possible.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the SFA Working Group for their tireless efforts in organizing events, driving engagement, and upholding the values of this program. Their dedication ensures that we remain steadfast in our commitment to recognizing excellence and maintaining the high standards that NASA represents. Together we are shaping history and inspiring generations to come.



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Our Mission

Mission Statement

To ensure employees involved in human spaceflight are aware of the importance of their role in promoting astronaut safety and mission success in the challenging task of flying humans in the hostile environment of space by communicating and educating the government and industry workforce about human spaceflight.

Objectives

- Improve employee awareness on the importance of their role in promoting safety, quality, and mission success
- Conduct events that motivate and recognize the workforce and improve employee morale
- Function as an internal communications team to disseminate key program safety, quality, and mission messages
- Maintain supplier motivational and recognition programs

NASA astronaut Charles M. Duke Jr., Apollo 16 Lunar Module pilot, is photographed collecting lunar samples at Station No. 1 during the mission's first extravehicular activity at the Descartes landing site. This picture, looking eastward, was taken by Commander John W. Young.





Awards

NASA's SFA Program Awards recognize NASA civil servant and industry employees who demonstrate exceptional contributions to flight safety, quality work, and mission success. The program includes several distinct awards, each with specific eligibility and selection criteria designed to recognize different types of achievements - from individual excellence and leadership to outstanding teamwork and innovation. Each SFA award may be presented only once to any employee who meets the award criteria. The exception is team awards, which may be presented multiple times for different accomplishments. Nominations undergo a thorough review and selection process to ensure the established award criteria are met and exemplified. Additional award criteria and information can be found on the SFA website.

Flight Safety Award

This award recognizes individuals or teams whose actions have prevented or substantially reduced the risk of a catastrophic mishap to a crew, mission, or vehicle. It is among the most selective SFA honors, emphasizing exceptional contributions across all aspects of NASA's human spaceflight effort. In addition to the general approval process, qualified nominations are sent to the SFA Program Manager (PM), who submits the nominations to the Agency Flight Safety Panel for evaluation and approval.

Following concurrence from the Agency Flight Safety Panel, the SFA PM forwards nominations to the Chief of Safety and Mission Assurance and the Associate Administrators for Space Operations and Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorates for final selection.

Honoree Award

This award recognizes employees for their dedication to quality work, flight safety, and mission success. To qualify, the individual must have contributed beyond normal work requirements to achieve significant impact on attaining a particular human spaceflight program goal; contributed to a major cost savings; been instrumental in developing modification to hardware, software, or materials that increase reliability, efficiency, or performance; assisted in operational improvements; or been a key player in developing a beneficial process improvement.

Management Award

This award recognizes outstanding mid-level managers who exemplify the leadership qualities necessary for mission success, including accountability, empowerment, excellence, honesty, initiative, integrity, loyalty, respect, and sharing.





Silver Snoopy Award

This award is the astronauts' personal recognition for employees who demonstrate exceptional contributions to flight safety and mission success. No more than 1% of the workforce receives this award annually. Each Silver Snoopy pin has flown in space and is presented by a member of the astronaut corps.

Supplier Award

This award honors outstanding performance by hardware, software, or service suppliers who support NASA human spaceflight programs. Awardees are chosen based on their production of high-quality products, excellent technical and cost performance, and adherence to schedules.

Team Award

This award recognizes small groups of 25 or fewer employees who have demonstrated exemplary teamwork while accomplishing a particular task or goal in support of the human spaceflight program.

Trailblazer Award

This award recognizes employees in the first seven years of their professional career who demonstrate innovation, initiative, and a strong commitment to advancing human spaceflight. It honors individuals who exhibit exceptional potential, creativity, and leadership as they contribute to flight safety and mission success.

(Top) A Silver Snoopy Award ceremonies on Oct. 17, 2024, at NASA's Kennedy Space Center Visitor
Complex in Florida. (Middle) A Silver Snoopy Award ceremony held on Oct. 24, 2024, at NASA's Ames
Research Center in Silicon Valley, California. (Bottom) A Silver Snoopy Award ceremony held on Oct.
17, 2024, at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.









The 2025 Award Metrics are reported utilizing the SFA fiscal year from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Award metrics are reflected once an award recipient has received the award.

Center/Industry Partner	Astronaut Initiated Silver Snoopy Awards	Silver Snoopy Awards	Honoree Awards	Flight Safety Awards (Individual)	Flight Safety Awards (Team)	Total # of Team Members	Team Awards	Total # of Team Members	Supplier Awards	Management Awards	Special Local Awards	Trailblazer Awards	Astronaut Visits
Ames Research Center	0	0	1	0	0	Ø	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armstrong Flight Research Center	0	Ø	Ø	0	0	Ø	Ø	0	0	Ø	0	0	0
Defense Contract Management Agency	0	Ø	0	Ø	0	Ø	Ø	0	0	Ø	0	0	0
Glenn Research Center	0	4	2	0	0	Ø	0	0	Ø	0	0	0	1
Goddard Space Flight Center	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	28	0	1	0	0	3
Headquarters	0	0	Ø	0	0	Ø	1	132	0	0	0	0	8
Johnson Space Center	32*	41	7	6	2	24	12	175	1	7	3	9	3**
Kennedy Space Center	0	36	8	1	0	Ø	7	298	0	6	6	2	2
Langley Research Center	0	4	0	0	0	Ø	Ø	0	0	Ø	0	0	2
Marshall Space Flight Center	0	11	10	3	0	Ø	7	74	Ø	Ø	0	4	3
Michoud Assembly Facility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ø	0	0	1
NASA Engineering & Safety Center	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ø	0	0	0***
NASA Shared Services Center	0	2	1	0	0	0	Ø	0	0	0	0	0	0 ***
Stennis Space Center	0	1	4	0	0	Ø	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aerojet Rocketdyne an L3Harris Company	0	8	0	Ø	0	0	Ø	0	2	3	0	6	3
Lockheed Martin	0	5	3	0	0	Ø	8	210	0	0	3	7	1
Northrop Grumman	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ø	0	0	0	1
The Aerospace Corporation	0	2	1	0	0	Ø	1	4	0	Ø	0	1	0 ***
The Boeing Company	0	35	0	0	0	Ø	1	15	1	4	0	15	12
2025 Totals	32	153	39	10	2	24	39	936	4	21	12	44	40

^{*} All astronaut-initiated Silver Snoopy awards are submitted through Johnson Space Center. Award recipients are located across several centers and industry.

^{**} Additional astronaut added to reflect honoree ceremony attendance.

^{***} Astronaut attended a shared Silver Snoopy ceremony.

Events

Each year, the SFA Working Group, consisting of representatives from each NASA center and select industry partners, provides an overview of their events and ceremonies. Events are reported utilizing the SFA fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, 2025, and ending Sept. 30, 2026.

Ames Research Center

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

 Honoree Awards Ceremony – NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS (Space Launch System) Rocket and Orion Spacecraft

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• SFA Awards Ceremony

Armstrong Flight Research Center

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

 Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• SFA Awards Ceremony

Defense Contract Management Agency

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

 Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

 Honoree Awards Ceremony – NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• SFA Awards Ceremony

Glenn Research Center

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

- Safety Day
- Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

 Honoree Awards Ceremony – NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

• Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• Local Awards Ceremony

Goddard Space Flight Center

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

- Honoree Awards Ceremony NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft
- Information Session at Artemis II Engage

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

- Safety Stand-Down Event
- Employee Engagement Event at Goddard Safety Week

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony
- Team Awards Ceremony

Headquarters

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

 Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

• Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• Local Awards Ceremony

Johnson Space Center

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

- Town Hall
- Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter
- Jingle and Mingle Employee Holiday Event

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

- Honoree Awards Ceremony NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft
- Johnson Space Center Tour for Kennedy Space Center Honorees
- Agency Flight Safety Awards Ceremony
- Town Hall
- Artemis II Employee Engagement Event

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony
- Town Hall

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony
- Local Awards Ceremony
- Town Hall

Kennedy Space Center

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

 Honoree Awards Ceremony – NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft

Kennedy Space Center (continued)

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

- Management Awards Ceremony
- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• Team Awards Ceremony

Langley Research Center

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

 Information session and call for nominations in conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

Local Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

Marshall Space Flight Center

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

 Honoree Awards Ceremony – NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony
- SFA Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

Safety Day

Michoud Assembly Facility

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony
- SFA Awards Ceremony

NASA Engineering & Safety Center

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

 Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

Local Awards Ceremony

NASA Shared Services Center

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

 Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

 Honoree Awards Ceremony – NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

Stennis Space Center

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

 Information Session and Call for Nominations in Conjunction with Space Flight Awareness Call Letter

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

- Honoree Awards Ceremony NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft
- Town Hall

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

Aerojet Rocketdyne an L3Harris Company

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

Rocket Assembly with SFA Update

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

- Honoree Awards Ceremony NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft
- Rocket Assembly with SFA Update
- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony in Los Angeles, California
- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony in West Palm Beach, Florida

Aerojet Rocketdyne an L3Harris Company (continued)

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

- Rocket Assembly with SFA Update
- Safety Day
- Silver Snoopy Ceremony in Redmond, Washington

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

- · Rocket Assembly with SFA Update
- Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony

Lockheed Martin

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

SFA Awards Ceremony

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

- Honoree Awards Ceremony NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft
- Information Session

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

SFA Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• SFA Awards Ceremony

Northrop Grumman

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

 Honoree Awards Ceremony – NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• Silver Snoopy Ceremony

The Aerospace Corporation

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

• SFA Awards Ceremony

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

- Honoree Awards Ceremony NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft
- SFA Awards Ceremony

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

SFA Awards Ceremony

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

• SFA Awards Ceremony

The Boeing Company

Oct. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

SFA Awards Ceremonies

Jan. 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

- Honoree Awards Ceremony NASA's Fully Assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion Spacecraft
- Information Sessions
- Astronaut Visits
- SFA Awards Ceremonies
- Safety Day

April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

- Astronaut Visits
- SFA Awards Ceremonies

July 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026

- Astronaut Visits
- SFA Awards Ceremonies
- Safety Day



Center/Industry Partner	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026	September 2026
Ames Research Center				Honoree Awards Ceremony						SFA Awards Ceremony		mony
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Defense Contract Management Agency			Information Session	Honoree Awards Ceremony						SF/	mony	
Glenn Research Center		Safety Day	Information Session	Honoree Awards Ceremony			Silver S	Snoopy Awards (Ceremony	Local Awards Ceremony		
Goddard Space Flight Center				Honoree Awards Ceremony			Emple	oyee Engageme Safety Stand-Do	nt Event wn	Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony Team Awards Ceremony		
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Headquarters			Information Session				Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony			Local Awards Ceremony		
Johnson Space Center		Town Hall	Holiday Event Information Session	Flight Safety Awards Ceremony Honoree Awards Ceremony JSC Tour for KSC Honorees			Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony Town Hall			Local Awards Ceremony Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony Town Hall		
				Artemis II Employee Engagement Event Town Hall								
Kennedy Space Center				Honoree Awards Ceremony			Managem Silver Sno		gement Awards Ceremony Snoopy Awards Ceremony		Team Awards Ceremony	
Langley Research Center			Information Session				Local Awards Ceremony		Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony		Ceremony	
Marshall Space Flight Center				Honoree Awards Ceremony			SFA Awards Ceremony Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony			Safety Day		
Michoud Assembly Facility									SFA Awards Ceremony Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony			

Combined Event

Center/Industry Partner	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026	September 2026
NASA Engineering & Safety Center	Information Session						Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony			Local Awards Ceremony		
NASA Shared Services Center			Information Session	Honoree Awards Ceremony							Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony	
Stennis Space			Information	Honoree Awards Ceremony							Silver Snoopy	
Center			Session	Town H	all						Awards Ceremony	
Aerojet				Honoree Awards Ceremony			Dankat	A	To Hadan			
Rocketdyne an L3Harris Company	1 L3Harris			Rocket Assembly with SFA Update Two Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremonies				Assembly with S Safety Day Snoopy Awards (Rocket Assembly with SFA Update Silver Snoopy Awards Ceremony		
Lockheed Martin			SFA Awards	Honoree Awards Ceremony			SFA Awards Ceremony		SFA Awards Ceremony			
			Ceremony	Infor	mation Session							
Northrop Grumman				Honoree Awards Ceremony			Silver Snoopy Awards Ce			Ceremony		
The Aerospace			SFA Awards	Honoree Awards Ceremony			SFA Awards Ceremony			SFA Awards Ceremony		
Corporation			Ceremony	SFA Awards Ceremony								
				Honoree Awards Ceremony					A		•	
The Boeing Company	SF	A Awards Cerem	nony	Astronaut Visits Information Sessions Safety Day SFA Awards Ceremonies			Astronaut Visits SFA Awards Ceremonies			Astronaut Visits Safety Day SFA Awards Ceremonies		

Combined Event

UPCOMING

2026 Honoree Events

This year, SFA will host two honoree events. The first will recognize additional fiscal year 2025 award recipients at Kennedy Space Center, where honorees will have the opportunity to view NASA's fully assembled Artemis II SLS Rocket and Orion spacecraft. The second will recognize fiscal year 2026 award recipients at Kennedy Space Center held in conjunction with the launch of the Fall 2026 crew rotation mission to the International Space Station.

In this view looking down in High Bay 3 of the Vehicle Assembly Building at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, all of the work platforms that surround the Artemis I Space Launch System (SLS) and Orion spacecraft are fully retracted on March 16, 2022.





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NASA Engineering & Safety Center Michelle Minor

NASA Shared Services Center Tessa Keating

Stennis Space Center Tessa Keating

Other Agencies

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Industry Partners

Aerojet Rocketdyne an L3Harris Company

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The Aerospace CorporationJanet Stewart

The Boeing Company Megan Donaldson



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