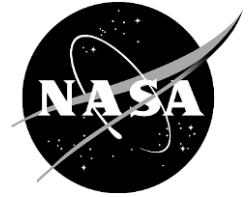


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## **STENNIS RECOGNIZES STS-129 SPACE FLIGHT AWARENESS HONOREES**

**BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss.** – Fourteen employees of NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center recently were honored by NASA's Space Flight Awareness program for their dedication to quality work and flight safety.

Honorees recognized for their contributions to the nation's space program were: Chip Ellis, Christine Grapusa, Gerald Norris and Peter Ve Tran, all with NASA; Tracy Buras, David Carey, William Davis, Glenn Faciane and Michael Reich, all with Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne; Hans Holzinger and Leah Smith, both with the Jacobs Technology NASA Test Operations Group; Scott Corage and Gloria Otis, both with the Jacobs Technology Facility Operating Services Contract Group; and Sharlene Majors with Applied Geo Technologies.

Stennis Space Center Associate Director Rick Gilbrech presented awards during a Nov. 24 ceremony at Stennis. In addition, 10 of the award recipients traveled to Kennedy Space Center, Florida, to tour the center and witness the Nov. 16 launch of STS-129. The other three were unable to attend those activities.

NASA's Space Flight Awareness Program recognizes outstanding job performances and contributions by civil service and contract employees throughout the year and focuses on excellence in quality and safety in support of human space flight. The Honoree Award is one of the highest honors presented to employees for their dedication to quality work and flight safety. Recipients must have contributed beyond their normal work requirements toward achieving a particular human space flight program goal; contributed to a major cost savings; been instrumental in developing material that increases reliability, efficiency or performance; assisted in operational improvements; or been a key player in developing a beneficial process improvement.

Built in the 1960s to test the huge engines for the Saturn V moon rockets, Stennis Space Center, in Hancock County, Miss., is America's largest rocket engine test complex. Every space shuttle main engine has been test-fired and proven flight-worthy at Stennis since

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1975. As part of NASA's new Constellation Program, the center is constructing a new test stand to prove the rocket engines that will be used to transport astronauts to the International Space Station after the space shuttle retires and to explore destinations beyond low-Earth orbit.



Pictured are (seated, l to r) Sharlene Majors (Applied Geo Technologies), Gloria Otis (Jacobs Technology Facility Operating Services Contract Group), Christine Grapusa (NASA) and Leah Smith (Jacobs Technology NASA Test Operations Group); and (standing, l to r) Gilbrech, Michael Reich (Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne), Gerald Norris (NASA), Hans Holzinger (Jacobs Technology NASA Test Operations Group), Scott Corage (Jacobs Technology Facility Operating Services Contract Group), William Davis (Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne), Chip Ellis (NASA) and Tracy Buras (Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne). Not pictured are David Carey and Glenn Faciane (Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne) and Peter Ve Tran (NASA).

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