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Space explorers soar into Astronaut Hall of Fame

By Anna Heiney
Staff Writer

A collection of U.S. astronauts representing more than four decades of space exploration gathered May 1 to see five former Space Shuttle colleagues inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

The five inductees were members of the eighth class of NASA astronauts, selected by the Agency in January 1978. They are: Frederick D. Gregory, Norman E. Thagard, the late Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, Kathryn D. Sullivan, and Richard O. Covey.

"Believe me, the selection was not an easy task," remarked host Jim Lovell, commander of the dramatic Apollo 13 mission and chairman of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, which supervises inductions. "So many exceptional people have flown on the Shuttle."

Legendary space author Andrew Chaikin served as the event's Master of Ceremonies. Astronauts' family members, friends and other VIPs joined hundreds of space enthusiasts at the ceremony, which took place at the Apollo/Saturn V Center.



FIVE SPACE PROGRAM HEROES were inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame on May 1. From left, they are: Frederick D. Gregory, the first African-American to command a space mission and the current NASA Deputy Administrator; Richard O. Covey, commander of the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission; June Scobee, on behalf of her late husband Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, commander of the ill-fated 1986 Challenger mission; Kathryn D. Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and Norman E. Thagard, the first American to occupy Russia's Mir space station. See more coverage on pages 4-5.

Currently serving as NASA's Deputy Administrator, Frederick Gregory is an accomplished Air Force pilot and veteran of three Space Shuttle flights. He served as a pilot during his first flight, STS-51B, in 1985. As com-

mander of STS-33 in 1989, he became the first African-American to lead a U.S. space mission. He went on to command STS-44 in 1991.

In his current position as NASA's second in command,

Gregory directs and manages many of the Agency's programs as well as daily operations and activities.

As he accepted his induction,

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All Hands meeting addresses safety culture, reorganization

By Jennifer Wolfinger
Staff Writer

Kennedy Space Center Director Jim Kennedy expressed his faith in KSC's strengths and praised its ongoing improvements during an All Hands meeting April 22 at the Training Auditorium.

Primarily, Kennedy focused on the Return to Flight reorgani-

zation and the work of Behavioral Science Technology, Inc. (BST) to develop and administer KSC's plan for safety and cultural changes. He stressed the importance of office structure flexibility and encouraged workers to continue open and honest dialogue.

"Nobody [should] ever, ever hesitate to say what they truly

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PANEL MEMBERS at the All Hands included (seated from left) Jim Kennedy, Larry Crawford, Dr. Phillip Meade, Oscar Toledo, Jenny Lyons, and (standing by interpreter) Shannon Bartell. Visit <http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/nasa-only/rtrfreorg/index.htm> for updates on reorganization and Return to Flight news.



Jim Kennedy
Center Director

The Kennedy Update

Greetings, everyone! Sunday is Mother's Day, one of my most favorite days of the year. Fortunately, I've been blessed with the best mother a son could ask for and I appreciate all the sacrifices she made for me during my life.

I'm sure you feel the same about yours. If you're a mom, or grandmother, enjoy your day on Sunday because it's meant to honor you.

I can hardly believe it's May as the year is flying by. I believe the reason is we are all working hard and hopefully having some fun at the same time. I feel fortunate to come to work with a great group of people every day at such an important place in the eyes of our nation.

I know I have said it before but I must say it again: I'm very proud of the people and accomplishments of this Center.

One of the biggest accomplishments the Center achieved was the Return to Flight Reorga-

nization. I explained the details during the April 22 All Hands meeting and I know each director is passing along specific details affecting their organization.

While I won't recap the specifics here, I would be remiss if I didn't pass along my thanks to the key people who worked hard on this effort. They dedicated a great deal of time during the last three to six months on this task and the Center will be a better place for it.

While the reorganization review officially started in January, we began preliminary work immediately after the Columbia Accident Investigation Board report was released in August 2003.

My thanks to Organization Implementation Team members Oscar Toledo, Hector Delgado, Bert Garrido, Maria Tobin, Laura Mosher, Jim Heald, Warren Wylie, Lisa Malone and Shannon Roberts.

Hats off also to the communi-

cations team of Josie Burnett and Michele Foster (XA); the move team of Sheryl Marshall and Marion Page; the business team of Joe Gordon and Larry Tucci; the workforce planning team of Ron Kent and Darcy Miller; and finally, the integration team of Dr. Woodrow Whitlow, Rick Arbuthnot, Jenny Lyons, Hugo Delgado, Nancy Bray, Maynette Smith and Dave Alonso.

I fully realize that these teams couldn't have been as successful without the help of dozens of other people. In fact, when you count up the names of the people who touched this process in one way or another, more than 100 people contributed to ensuring

If you didn't make it, you missed a great event. Most sessions were standing room only, so I appreciate those who took the time to attend. If you did go, I'm sure you found the presentations as enlightening as I did. I can hardly wait for next year's Space Congress, and by then I believe NASA will be highlighting the successful return to flight of Space Shuttle Discovery.

Building on the culture survey results presentation at the last All Hands meeting, I wanted to invite everyone to attend or tune in to Monday's All Hands (May 10) at 1 p.m., as the Behavioral Science Technology

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KSC remains a world-class organization.

I want to congratulate Dan LeBlanc from Delaware North and Lisa Malone, our External Relations director, co-chairs of this year's 41st Space Congress, for hosting a first-class event April 27-30 in Cape Canaveral. The speakers giving presentations were a who's who of space pioneers and authorities. It was an extremely impressive group which included Gene Cernan, the most recent man to walk on the moon.

(BST) team that administered the survey will be here to explain the results.

They will also present ideas on ways to maintain the areas in which we are doing very well and improve those areas identified as weak spots for our organization. I welcome this team with open arms as an opportunity to address the culture issues needing work as outlined in the CAIB report. Hope to see you there.

Have a great week, everyone!

2004 Environmental and Energy Awareness Week exhibits tour Center



KSC EMPLOYEES stop at display tables set up in a tent near the Operations and Checkout Building for KSC's annual Environmental and Energy Awareness Week, held April 20-22. The slogan for this year's event was "Today's Conservation Defines Tomorrow's Future." Presentations included Cost-Effective Solar Applications, Energy Efficient Lighting Systems, and Historical Changes in KSC's Ecosystems.



Administrators, Behavioral Science Technology to present survey results

Join NASA administrators and representatives from Behavioral Science Technology, an independent consulting firm, on May 10 as they discuss results from a workforce culture survey taken earlier this year. NASA TV will broadcast the live event from the Training Auditorium beginning at 1 p.m.

Behavioral Science Technology will assist the Agency in implementing a three-year plan to improve its safety climate and culture. Briefings are taking place at all NASA centers.

NASA engineer's childhood dream led to Discovery

Ever since the third grade, Stephanie Stilson knew she would one day work for NASA. Little did Stilson imagine she would be responsible for a Space Shuttle.

"My father took me to visit the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida when I was nine," Stilson said. "I told him then that when I grew up, I was going to work for NASA. My father loves to tell that story."

Stilson is the Space Shuttle Discovery vehicle manager at KSC, NASA's primary space launch facility. She oversees all activities associated with planning, scheduling and preparing the Discovery orbiter for space. Before every launch, she is the one to answer the all-important question, "Is it ready to fly?"

Discovery is scheduled to be the orbiter that returns NASA's Space Shuttle fleet to safe flight following the loss of Columbia. Discovery will carry the STS-114 crew to the International Space Station. The launch planning window for the mission opens in March 2005. It may seem a daunting responsibility, but Stilson takes pride in knowing the major role she plays in space exploration.

Stilson works with NASA engineers, technicians and contractors as KSC's representa-

tive for Shuttle processing operations. She is NASA's chief point of contact on periodic maintenance, upgrades, modifications and full systems testing to ensure Discovery is safe for flight.

"There is so much pride associated with NASA, and I am thrilled to be a part of such a well-respected government organization," Stilson said. "We are all contributing to our country's history and to our continued exploration of space."

Stilson began her career with NASA in 1989 as a cooperative education student, while double majoring in computer and electrical engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1995, she began working as an electrical and data systems engineer on Spacelab, the laboratory that carried out science missions inside the Space Shuttle's payload bay.

She made sure all the equipment, research facilities and experiments going up could communicate with the ground systems.

Her expertise led to her assignment as director for multi-element integration testing on the International Space Station. Stilson was the first woman at NASA to ensure International Space Station modules and



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components were compatible on the ground and in space.

In 2001, Stilson was offered the opportunity to become the vehicle manager for Discovery. Since then, she has seen "her" Shuttle fly twice.

"The best part about that is when we get to talk to crew members' families," Stilson said. "As soon as Discovery has launched, we let them know how excited we are to be a part of their family now. That's really neat for me."

She is working on a master's

degree in engineering management at the University of Florida in Gainesville. When she's not busy with her own schoolwork, she likely can be found at her local elementary school, where she often shares her experiences working with the Shuttle.

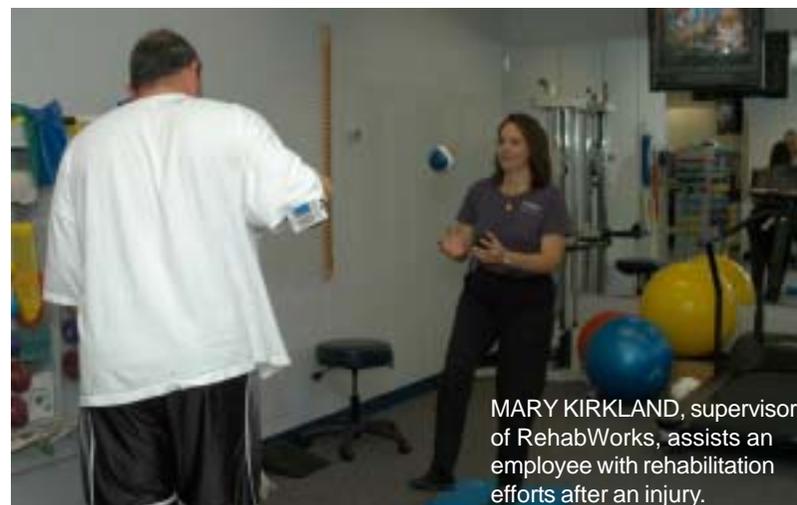
"It is very rewarding to feel like you're helping others understand what we do at NASA," Stilson said. "I just hope I can spark students' interest in learning more about space exploration," she said.

RehabWorks grows healthier along with patients

By Jennifer Wolfinger
Staff Writer

Injured workers reducing lost work days, receiving prompt treatment and maintaining a normal work routine may sound like a supervisor's dream. But these are actually just a few benefits of rehabilitation through RehabWorks.

Originating in 1997, Kennedy Space Center's RehabWorks program provides all Spaceport employees with a free and convenient means of receiving musculoskeletal rehabilitation services from Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) for work- and nonwork-related conditions and post-surgical diagnoses.



MARY KIRKLAND, supervisor of RehabWorks, assists an employee with rehabilitation efforts after an injury.

A physician referral is needed to use the service, but the Occupational Health Facility can refer patients with work-related

injuries for same-day therapy. For those who need post-surgical rehabilitation, contacting RehabWorks three weeks prior to

surgery is encouraged.

Additionally, one-time consultations offer injury assessment, self-care education and a treatment during a 15-30 minute session. To promote quicker healing, patients are recommended to see an ATC as quickly as possible after sustaining an injury.

The convenient services continue to draw many patients. The facility, located in the Operations and Checkout Building's room 1135, recently expanded to accommodate the ever-growing practice. The entire process took two years, but the physical efforts of expansion

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Gregory turned his thoughts to the future. "NASA's vision to head back to the Moon, then Mars and beyond, is a motivation and inspiration to encourage us to look beyond the status quo."

Dr. Norman Thagard pursued a degree in medicine when he returned from Vietnam, where he served as a pilot with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He went on to fly as a mission specialist on four Space Shuttle missions: STS-7 in 1983, 51-B in 1985, STS-30 in 1989 and STS-42 in 1992.

In 1995, Thagard spent 115 days in space as a crew member of Mir 18, making him the first American to launch aboard a Russian rocket and to occupy Russia's Mir space station.

"Norm plowed a lot of new ground to be the first from the U.S. to participate with Russia," said astronaut Robert Crippen, who introduced Thagard. "And like the professional he is, he pulled it off in style."

Dick Scobee piloted mission STS 41-C in 1984. He was serving as commander of mission

STS-51L on Jan. 28, 1986, when Space Shuttle Challenger and the crew were lost one minute and 13 seconds after launch. Scobee was honored by educator astronaut Barbara Morgan, who served as a backup crew member on the Challenger flight. Morgan warmly recalled Scobee's courage and friendliness.

June Scobee Rodgers accepted the induction on her late husband's behalf: "So many times, he's been remembered for how he died. Thank you for remembering how he lived."

Dr. Kathryn Sullivan served as a mission specialist in 1984 on mission STS-41G, successfully conducting an extravehicular activity (EVA), or space walk, to demonstrate that it was possible to refuel an orbiting satellite.

The feat made her the first U.S. woman to walk in space. She served as a mission specialist on STS-31 in 1990, the mission to deploy the Hubble Space Telescope, and was payload commander on STS-45 in 1992.

"Kathy has maintained a lifelong commitment to education," remarked astronaut and fellow Ohio native John Glenn. "She is truly a scientist, first-

class."

Dick Covey served as pilot on his first mission, STS 51-I, in 1985. He also piloted Shuttle Discovery on STS-26 in 1988, NASA's return to flight after the Challenger accident. Covey later commanded STS-38 in 1990, and STS-61, the Hubble Repair Mission, in 1993.

Following the Columbia accident, Covey was chosen by NASA to co-chair the Return To Flight Task Group.

"It's with great pride that I find myself among the distinguished group who are members of the Astronaut Hall of Fame," Covey said. "It's humbling to be part of that group."

At the conclusion of each presentation, Lovell placed a medal around the neck of each new inductee.

"These men and women are not just heroes because of what they did," Chaikin said.

"They are heroes because they move all of humanity forward. They are heroes because they represent the best of us, and inspire us to become more than we already are."



PREVIOUS ASTRONAUT Hall of Fame honorees welcomed the third class (standing above) of inductees at the May 1 ceremony held at the Apollo/Saturn V Center. The group includes four living members of the original Mercury Seven astronauts, John Glenn, Scott Carpenter, Wally Schirra and Gordon Cooper. Selection to the Astronaut Hall of Fame is made by a committee of 21 people, including former NASA flight directors and space program journalists picked by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.

... joins group of space legends



THE 2004 ASTRONAUT HALL OF FAME inductees included (top left and clockwise) Norman E. Thagard, who served as a mission specialist on four Space Shuttle missions between 1983 and 1992; Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, late husband of June Scobee, who accepted the medal on his behalf; Frederick D. Gregory, a veteran of three Shuttle flights and current NASA deputy administrator; Kathryn D. Sullivan, the first U.S. woman to walk in space; and Richard O. Covey, who flew four Shuttle missions and is currently co-chair of the Return To Flight Task Group.



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feel, whether it's what your manager believes to be true or not," he said. "We will continue to organize as best as we can to accomplish a mission which is always evolving."

As part of the restructuring, Workforce and Diversity Management is now called Human Resources, and Shannon Bartell is KSC's Exploration contact.

Additionally, Oscar Toledo is director of the new Independent Technical Authority and System Management (ITA & SM) organization, which performs the Center's business systems management function, efforts that were previously with the Safety, Health and Independent Assessment Directorate.

The new S&MA directorate

independently monitors KSC programs. Spaceport Engineering and Technology's new Independent Technical Engineering Authority Office provides engineering expertise for ITA & SM.

Also, External Relations realigned to offer a centralized focus on new business growth through the Business Development and Customer Analysis division.

Dr. Phillip Meade, KSC's change manager, then summarized the BST study, an analysis in which only civil servants participated. He explained KSC's leadership philosophy and how the Center is progressing after the Columbia tragedy.

Meade said the Center will maximize resources and efficiency to implement changes. He also assured that changes will align with KSC's culture.

Kennedy also thanked the administrative professionals who calm our sometimes chaotic world. "We would not be what we are if it were not for your contributions to our work," he said.

Commended for their leadership were exceptional civil servants and those supporting KSC milestones such as Space Day, Space Congress, earning the Voluntary Protection Program STAR flag and mentoring students to place highly in a robotics competition.

The newly created Safety and Mission Assurance (S&MA) organization's director, Larry Crawford, and Space Shuttle Deputy Program Manager Dennis Cross were welcomed to KSC.

Following a video highlighting the Gravity Probe B mission, Kennedy addressed the Center's outlook.

"You should be proud of your Center," he said. "The Presidential Commission sent four key members to your Center. They could not have been more impressed with the Kennedy Space Center, or the work you do and will do to make sure exploration dreams become a reality."

Prior to the concluding question-and-answer session, Kennedy forecasted upcoming plans. He said the future includes BST report feedback at the directorate level, further work with contractors, the introduction of an implementation plan and an opportunity for BST to offer feedback to KSC.

Kennedy emphasized that "good is the enemy of great, and we are dealing with a subject far too precious to settle for good." Through these efforts, he said, KSC will earn continued success.

Center earns a STAR for safety efforts

By Jennifer Wolfinger
Staff Writer

A culmination of efforts has led to Kennedy Space Center's recognition as one of the safest workplaces in the nation.

KSC received the flag of the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) during a ceremony April 26 that recognized the Center's status as a STAR site – the highest standing in the program. The outstanding designation comes from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"Every day, when you look at that flag, realize how special you are and that you're influencing others," said OSHA Deputy Regional Administrator Teresa Harrison, during the flag ceremony in the Operations and Checkout Building's Mission Briefing Room.

The VPP recognizes premier worksites where safety and



TIM WILLIAMSON (left), past American Federation of Government Employees local president, and Center Director Jim Kennedy display the flag of the Voluntary Protection Program during the April 26 ceremony.

health are integral considerations in all operations, and where programs are continually improved to go above and beyond mere compliance with OSHA regulations.

Tim Williamson, former local president of the American Federation of Government Employees, commended the workforce's

dedication and explained the application process. KSC officially began the process in December 2000.

In July 2003, the effort culminated with an intense OSHA review of the Center's safety and health programs. "We work hard to ensure we go home to our children, spouses and our

country," Williamson said.

OSHA may have granted KSC its STAR status, but the effort is never-ending, according to Dave Facemire, the event's master of ceremonies and KSC's VPP Program Manager.

"This is an end point, but yet also a beginning point for our VPP journey," he said, recognizing the need to always value workplace safety and health.

While this is a milestone in the safety and health area, this work is also an indication of great strides in supporting other guiding principles: teamwork and reliance.

Center Director Jim Kennedy stressed how every KSC contractor and civil servant contributed to this accomplishment.

"It's exciting to know we did this together as a team," he said. "I came here with the expression, 'KSC and proud to be,' but it dawned on me this morning that we are 'VPP and proud to be.'"

Astronauts, autographs and appraisals at U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum

By Linda Herridge
Staff Writer

The U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation will host a series of special events May 20 through 23 at its museum's new location in the Searstown Mall in Titusville.

Events include appraisals of space memorabilia, astronaut appearances and autograph sessions, and a benefit dinner with comedian Bill Dana.

The foundation is a nonprofit organization that honors astronauts and the men and women who made space flight a reality.

Space buffs can have their memorabilia appraised by Aurora Galleries International of California at the museum May 20 and 21. Aurora Galleries will allow owners to place their items up for auction this fall, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the space museum.

The museum will have an Air

and Space Autograph Show May 22 and 23. Guests include astronauts from the Gemini, Apollo, Apollo-Soyuz, Skylab and Shuttle programs, pioneer test pilots from the X-1 era, and several women from the Mercury 13 women astronauts group.

Also scheduled are Duane "Doc" Graveline, who was among NASA's fourth group of scientist astronauts, and Guenter Wendt, author and famed Mercury, Gemini and Apollo pad leader.

A benefit dinner featuring Dana, affectionately known as the "8th Mercury astronaut," will take place May 22 at the mall.

The museum will auction off "A Day at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex" with Russian Cosmonaut Yury Usachev on eBay and Astro-auction. Usachev was commander of the Expedition 2 crew during its trip to the International Space Station. The package includes admission for

two to the KSC Visitor Complex, lunch with Usachev, a signed photograph, autographs, and admission to a private cocktail party May 21 and the benefit dinner May 22.

Museum admission is free, but there is a daily admission fee for the Air and Space Autograph Show and a charge for each astronaut or celebrity autograph requested.

The foundation depends on grants and donations to maintain space-related monuments in Titusville's Space View Park. Revenues from the museum store help maintain operating costs.

For more information, visit www.spacewalkoffame.com or www.airandspace.com or call the museum at (321) 264-0434.

The U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation is located in the Searstown Mall in Titusville at 3550 S. Washington Ave. (U.S. 1)

Advanced launch technologies meeting addresses initiatives

The next Advanced Spaceport and Range Technologies Working Groups (ASTWG and ARTWG) Conference is scheduled for May 24-26 in Washington, D.C.

Titled "Transformational Space Launch and Operations Technologies," key industry and government agency presenters have been lined up to discuss future exploration initiatives, including Dr. Paul Spudis, appointee to the president's commission on the Implementation of U.S. Space Exploration Policy.

The conference agenda and registration forms are available online at <http://artwg.ksc.nasa.gov>. Contact Tricia Gryn (ASRC) at 861-7469 to register, or Michelle Amos (NASA) at 867-6681 for information.

41st Space Congress covers future key issues

By Linda Herridge
and Jeff Stuckey

The 41st Space Congress brought together many of NASA's historical legends and leaders of today to share their excitement for the Agency's future.

The event, sponsored by the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies, kicked off April 27 with welcome remarks by Kennedy Space Center Director Jim Kennedy, among others. The theme this year was "Determination: Meeting Today's Challenges, Enabling Tomorrow's Vision."

Capt. Gene Cernan, former Gemini and Apollo astronaut, delivered the keynote address to a standing-room-only audience. Beginning with a moving video of the history of the Space Program and his space flights, Cernan referred to his last mission, Apollo 17, as not the end, but the beginning of a new era in space exploration.

Cernan said the president's new space vision is a bold plan. "It's rational. It's doable technologically and financially. But it will take commitment and grassroots support," he said.

A panel session focusing on "The Future of Space Exploration" followed. Each panelist emphasized the importance of space exploration, NASA's new Space Policy and inspiring future generations.

"We have the leadership and guidance necessary to put the new space vision in motion and make it a reality," said panelist Michael Coates, former NASA astronaut and vice president of Advanced Space Transportation for Lockheed Martin.

"Columbia's loss stimulated the right questions to move forward," said Michael Lounge, former astronaut and director of business development for the Space Exploration Systems Office of the Boeing Company. "It will take a wise use of technology, clear focus, the best team and commitment. Let's start building."

The program on April 28

included a panel session on "Launch Vehicle Options for Exploration." Its focus included future NASA utilization of Expendable Launch Vehicles (ELVs) and work with contractors on future heavy lift vehicles.

"NASA's unique requirements have driven ELV upgrades over the years," said panelist Steve Francois, NASA Launch Services Program manager. "Vehicles include the Delta, Atlas and Pegasus. The next 12 to 18 months is going to be an exciting time with exciting opportunities."

An eager crowd also filled the conference room to hear experts talk about the Space Shuttle's return to flight and the status of the International Space Station. Michael Kostelnik, deputy associate administrator for Space Station and Shuttle Programs, led the panel.

"We must return the Space Shuttle to flight," Kostelnik said. "There are no other credible options for continuing assembly of the International Space Station. The ISS provides us with a laboratory in space that sets the stage for how we can live, survive and prosper in microgravity in space."

Kostelnik praised the NASA team and told the audience there are challenges ahead.

"It's a very large team that gets this job done," he said. "Much of the hands-on work is done by various supporting contractors that are a part of our team. This business of human space flight is a risky business that is not without its challenges. It is going to be a tough year, but an exciting one."

Kostelnik said NASA is working hard to ensure the International Space Station is ready in March for the Space Shuttle's safe return to flight. The Agency also plans to meet the president's goal of completing assembly of the ISS by the end of the decade, he said.

Bill Parsons, manager of the Space Shuttle Program, told the audience the program has NASA's complete support and all of its resources to launch the



MICHAEL KOSTELNIK, deputy associate administrator for Space Station and Shuttle Programs (left), led a Space Congress panel which included KSC Director Jim Kennedy and Space Shuttle Program Manager Bill Parsons.

Shuttle again.

"The whole time we were waiting on the recommendations of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board (CAIB), we were working on an implementation plan," Parsons said.

The Implementation Plan for Space Shuttle Return to Flight and Beyond, which will be periodically updated, is available at <http://www.nasa.gov>.

"I just can't tell you how good these folks are," Parsons said. "At every Center, throughout the contractor community and everywhere you look, we have people dedicated to this program who have stepped up. They are producing unbelievable

results as far as technical solutions to our issues."

Next to address the crowd was Kennedy, who explained our Center's role for NASA. "The Space Shuttle program is our number one priority," he said. "The Space Station hardware is being processed by Tip Talone and his team, who are ready to get that hardware into orbit. Something else we do is the Launch Services Program. Everything we do at KSC is an integral part of the national vision for space exploration."

Kennedy explained how KSC is investing in technologies that will help to advance the next generation of spacecraft.

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were finished in only six weeks.

"[We] take great pride in the fact that we take the time to educate the patient on how and why they got injured, what kinds of things they can do at home and at work to recover, and how to avoid re-injury," said Mary Kirkland, supervisor and ATC.

This professional approach led to Kirkland's selection as this year's president of the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity (NCPA).

With the full support of her employer, the Bionetics Corporation, she has served as a National Athletic Trainers' Association representative on the NCPA Board of Directors since 1999.

"My involvement with this coalition has provided me with the honor and privilege of working with an extraordinary group of individuals who are dedicated to the cause of physical activity," she said.

Workers can celebrate RehabWorks' growth from 10:30 to 11 a.m. May 27 at the Mission Briefing Room. An open house will follow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to show off the expanded area. For further RehabWorks information, call 867-7497 or visit <http://rehabworks.ksc.nasa.gov>.

Prepare now for start of hurricane season in June

Create an evacuation plan with your family for home and work

If you are asked to evacuate for a hurricane, you should do so without delay. But unless you live in a coastal or low-lying area, an area that floods frequently, or in manufactured housing, it is unlikely that emergency managers will ask you to evacuate. That means that it is important for you and your family to have a plan that makes you as safe as possible in your home.

Disaster prevention includes modifying your home to strengthen it against storms so that you can be as safe as possible. It also includes having the supplies on hand to weather the storm.

• Develop a family plan - Your family's plan should be based on your vulnerability to the hurricane hazards. You should keep a written plan and share your plan with other friends or family.

• Create a disaster plan - There are certain items you need

to have, regardless of where you ride out a hurricane. The disaster supply kit is a useful tool when you evacuate, as well as making you as safe as possible in your home.

• Secure your home - There are things that you can do to make your home more secure and able to withstand stronger storms.

Hurricane season begins June 1 and runs through November 30 each year. Because of the natural events that occur in the development of a hurricane, as well as advanced forecasting techniques, key decision-makers at Kennedy Space Center will have enough time to execute a hurricane preparedness plan to complete all actions.

Each organization at KSC and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station has developed supporting procedures to be implemented as Hurricane Conditions (HURCONs) are declared. Additionally, each organization will designate a primary and alternate hurricane coordinator as a point-of-contact with the Joint Emergency Preparedness Office.



THIS IMAGE from the National Weather Service shows Hurricane Floyd threatening the east coast of Florida. Hurricane season is from June 1 to Nov. 30 of each year.

The NASA Hurricane Executive Management Team, chaired by the Center director, and the 45th Space Wing, chaired by the 45th SW Commander or designee, has the ultimate authority to change these procedures as the situation dictates.

The KSC director and the 45th Space Wing command will jointly establish the hurricane condition (HURCON) applicable to KSC and CCAFS and the state of Florida guidelines. Once a HURCON has been declared, the

primary Emergency Operation Center will be activated and will make appropriate announcements.

Announcements restricting telephone calls will also be made concurrently with the establishment of any type of HURCON to prevent an overflow of outgoing calls.

For information on how to prepare for hurricane season and a checklist of items you should have to be prepared, visit <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>.

May Employees of the Month



IN THE BACK ROW, from left, are: Andrew Bradley, Spaceport Engineering and Technology; Mike Dininny, Spaceport Engineering and Technology; Roger MacLeod, Procurement Office. Standing in the front row, from left, are: Patricia Leonard, External Relations; Gina O'Shaughnessy, Launch Services Program; Michael Cardinale, Spaceport Services. Not shown are: Richard Wolfe, Information Technology and Communications Services; Loraine Schafer, Space Shuttle Launch Integration Office; Stephen Swichkow, Shuttle Processing; and Eric Perritt, ISS/Payload Carriers Program.

Women's group to host speech focusing on life decisions

The Federal Women's Program Working Group is hosting a 45-minute presentation titled "How To Balance Your Life," presented by Patti Bell, the Employees Assistance Program Administrator, at 1 p.m. in the O&C Mission Briefing Room. All civil service and contractor personnel are invited to this enlightening talk. For information, contact Kandy Warren at 867-7711.



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