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Stellar employees receive Rotary awards

Kraft accepts National Space Trophy

FORMER JSC DIRECTOR Dr. Christopher Kraft Jr., who was instrumental in overseeing this nation's human space flight programs, received the National Space Trophy at a March 12 black-tie celebration at Space Center Houston.

Several JSC employees received Stellar Awards from the non-profit Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation, established in 1985 by the Space Center Rotary Club to recognize individuals who have made outstanding achievements in space, creating a greater public awareness of the benefits of space exploration.

Kraft was cited for his "unique contributions as a key architect of the nation's space program, specifically in the areas of leading, planning, and operational control of manned space programs in the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Apollo-Soyuz Test Project and the space shuttle."

Veteran journalist Walter Cronkite received the organization's prestigious Corona Award in recognition of his distinguished lifetime of achievement in the field of space.

Cronkite came to be regarded as an authority on America's space program, reporting on the first two decades of this country's manned space missions from Alan Shepard's first flight in 1961, and the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969, to the experimental flights of the space

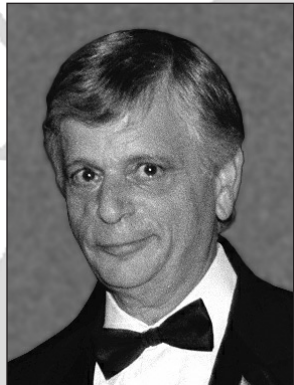
and development for the International Space Station assembly and maintenance activities.

JSC's Donna Fender, project manager for the TransHab Project, received a Stellar Award for her team leadership, persistence, and determination to

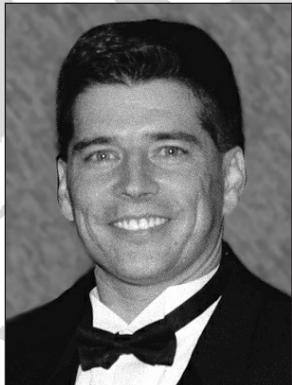
the Mars TransHab design and space shuttle meteoroid and orbital debris damage assessment.

Also receiving Stellar Awards were Dr. Steven Huybrechts of the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory, for his work in the development of revolutionary space

structures that will greatly reduce cost and enhance the capability of future launch of space systems; Tom Hoffman of Thiokol, for exceptional technical



Jay Greene



John Curry



Greg Harbaugh



Donna Fender



Linda Bromley

shuttle Enterprise in July 1977 and the fall of Skylab in July 1979.

Other award recipients included JSC's Jay Greene who received a Stellar Award for his managerial excellence during the planning, development, and operation of hardware and software for the International Space Station.

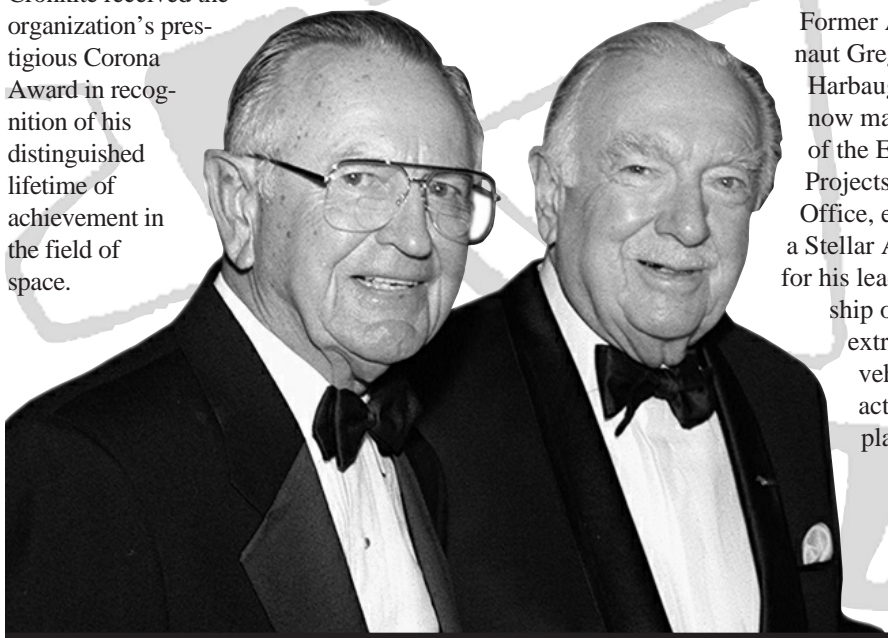
JSC Flight Director John Curry was honored for his outstanding initiative in establishing the Houston Support Group at the Russian Mission Control Center in Moscow.

Former Astronaut Gregory Harbaugh, now manager of the EVA Projects Office, earned a Stellar Award for his leadership of the extra-vehicular activity planning

demonstrate the feasibility of the TransHab inflatable vehicle concept.

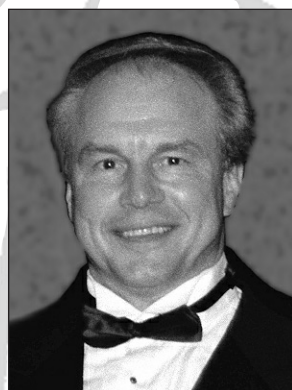
JSC's Linda Bromley, project manager for the International Space Station Early Communications System, was honored with a Stellar Award for her outstanding leadership and management of this critical space station project.

leadership in propellant, structural, and safety-related issues for the space shuttle solid rocket motors; Tom Dougherty of Lockheed Martin, for managing the NASA Discovery Lunar Prospector team, which accomplished a highly successful mission to the moon for science data collection; Earl Eastabrooks of United Space Alliance,



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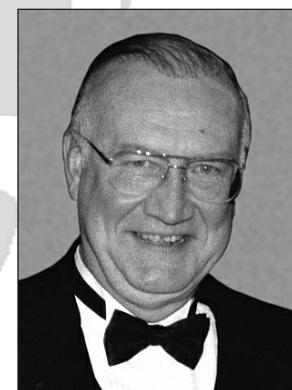
Former JSC Director Dr. Christopher Kraft, left, and veteran journalist Walter Cronkite enjoy the limelight at the gala dinner where they received top awards from the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation. Kraft received the organization's National Space Trophy, while Cronkite was honored with the Corona Award.



Dr. Phil Stepaniak



Chris Hansen



Dr. William Schneider

Flight Surgeon Dr. Phil Stepaniak earned a Stellar Award for his pioneering efforts in aerospace medicine and for his work on STS-95, which paved the way for future space flight geriatric research.

JSC's Chris Hansen received a Stellar Award for structural design and analysis of space flight hardware, including the space shuttle crew seat redesign, orbiter landing gear, and the International Space Station Interim Control Module.

And Dr. William Schneider received a Stellar Award for his enduring leadership at JSC and for technical direction of

for providing critical Mission Control Center software verification, integrated training, and valuable support to the Simulation Supervisor Office; and Paul Ledoux of Boeing, for his expertise in material and process engineering and for managerial support of nearly all major NASA programs since Apollo.

Four teams received Stellar Awards: JSC's TransHab Development team, the Motorola Iridium System team, the United States Air Force Space Maneuver Vehicle team, and the Thiokol Solar Thermal Propulsion team. ■



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