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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Charles Arthur “Chuck” Biggs, Sr.

ORAL HISTORY: 1 August 2002

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Undergraduate coursework at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, TX (1959-1961)

A.A., Fine Arts, San Jacinto College, San Jacinto, TX (1974)

B.A., University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, TX (1984)

M.A., University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, TX (1987)

PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:

United States Air Force (1955-1962)

- Technical and Scientific Illustrator, Craig Air Force Base, AL (1955-1956)
- Chief Illustrator, Department of Intelligence Training, Recognition Materials Branch, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX (1956-1959)
- Unit Head, Closed Circuit Television, Graphics Branch, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX (1960-1962)

NASA EXPERIENCE:

NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX (1962-1992)

- Scientific Illustrator and Assistant Section Head, Graphics Branch (1962-1965)
- Manager, JSC Exhibits Program, Public Affairs Office, Public Services Branch (1965-1980)
- Assistant Director of Public Affairs Commentator for Mission Control (1967-1979)
- Deputy Director of USA-USSR TV during Apollo-Soyuz (1975)
- Chief, Public Services Branch, Office of Public Affairs (1980-1992)

Manned Space Flight Education Foundation, Inc. (1986-1992)

- Vice President and Secretary (1986-1992)

POST-NASA EXPERIENCE:

San Jacinto College, San Jacinto, TX

- Instructor (1988-present)

University of Houston at Clear Lake, Houston, TX

- Adjunct faculty member (1991-1997)

Independent Aerospace Museum and Exhibit Consultant (1992-present)

- Provides professional services to organizations involved in the design and construction of aerospace museums and technology centers

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- Sustained Superior Performance Awards, 1965 and 1970
- NASA-JSC Superior Achievement Award, 1973
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1982
- Rotary National Stellar Award for News and Information Service, 1989
- University of Houston-Clear Lake Distinguished Alumnus, 1990

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