

NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: George W. Jeffs

ORAL HISTORY: 21 May 1998

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

BS in Aeronautical Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1945

MS in Aeronautical Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1947

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Lieutenant, United States Navy (1942-1949)

CAREER PRIOR TO INVOLVEMENT WITH NASA CONTRACTS:

North American Aviation, Inc., California

Design Engineer, Astrophysics Laboratory (1947-1955)

Chief Engineer, Missile Division (1955-1959)

Manager, Corporate Technical Development and Planning (1959-1963)

CAREER DURING INVOLVEMENT WITH NASA CONTRACTS:

North American Aviation, Inc., California

Vice President and Program Manager, Gemini Paraglider Program (1963-1965)

Corporate Executive Director, Engineering (1965-1966)

Chief Program Engineer and Assistant Program Manager, Apollo Command and Service Module (CSM) Program (1966-1969)

North American Rockwell Corporation, California

Vice President, Apollo CSM (1969-1973)

President, Space Division (1974-1976)

Corporate Officer, Rockwell International (1976-1978)

President, North American Aerospace Operations (1978-1986)

President and Center Director, Strategic Defense Center (1986-1990)

Director Vice President, Strategic Defense and Technology (1988-1990)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired, 1990

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Member, National Academy of Engineering
- Member, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Member, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)
- Member, Alpha Delta Phi
- Member, Tau Beta Pi (Honorary Engineering Fraternity)

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- NASA Distinguished Service Medal
- Presidential Medal of Freedom
- NASA Public Service Award
- National Management Association Golden Knight of Management Award
- National Space Club Astronautics Engineer Award, 1983
- AIAA Von Karman Lecturer

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

Jeffs, George W. "The Space Shuttle: Its Interdisciplinary Design and Construction." *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews* 4 (September 1979): 208-38.

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American Men & Women of Science, 17th ed., Vol. 4, s.v. "Jeffs, George W."

Who's Who in America, 42nd ed., Vol. 1, s.v. "Jeffs, George W."

Who's Who in Aviation and Aerospace, U.S. Edition, 1983 ed., s.v. "Jeffs, George W."

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