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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Joseph Peter Kerwin

ORAL HISTORY: 12 May 2000

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.A. in Philosophy, College of Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1953

M.D., Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois, 1957

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Captain, US Navy Medical Corps (retired)

PRE-NASA CAREER:

Internship, District of Columbia General Hospital, Washington DC, 1957

Naval Flight Surgeon, US Navy School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Florida, 1958

NASA CAREER:

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/ Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas

Scientist-Astronaut, Astronaut Office (1965-1987)

Director, Space and Life Sciences (1984-1987)

POST-NASA CAREER:

Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Houston, Texas

Manager, EVA Systems (1987-1990)

Manager, Manned Systems Programs (1990-1998)

Wyle Laboratories, Houston, Texas

Senior Vice President, Life Sciences, Systems and Services (1998-present)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Senior Vice President, Wyle Laboratories, Life Sciences, Systems and Services, Houston, Texas.

MISSIONS:

Skylab I (SL-2)

- Crew: Commander Charles "Pete" Conrad, Jr., Pilot Paul J. Weitz, Science Pilot Joseph P. Kerwin
- Launched: 25 May 1973 at 09:00 A.M. EDT from Kennedy Space Center, FL
- Duration: 28 Days, 49 minutes
- Landed: 22 June 1973 at 09:49 A.M. EDT
- Mission Highlights: Repair and recover orbital workshop. Demonstrate feasibility of long duration spaceflight of one month.

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Fellow, Aerospace Medical Association

- Fellow, American Astronautical Society
- Member, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Member, Phi Beta Pi (social fraternity)

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- City of Chicago Gold Medal, 1974
- Flight Achievement Award, American Astronautical Society, 1974
- Haley Astronautics Award, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1974
- Harmon International Trophy, 1974
- Iven C. Kincheloe Award, Society of Experimental Test Pilots, 1974
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy Trophy, 1974
- University of Notre Dame College of Engineering Honor Award, 1974
- Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers' Reliability Group Award, 1973
- Kitty Hawk Award, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, 1973
- NASA Distinguished Service Medal, 1973
- Navy Astronaut Wings, 1973
- Space Mechanic Technician Award, Federal Aviation Agency, 1973
- Stritch Medal, Loyola University, 1973
- Manned Spacecraft Center Certificate of Commendation, 1970

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

Kerwin, Joseph P., E. J. McLaughlin, and S. C. White. "Living and working in Skylab space." Astronautics and Aeronautics 9 (1971): 24-33.

Kerwin, Joseph P. "Skylab 2 crew observations and summary." Proceedings of the Skylab Life Science Symposium vol. 1: 55-59.

Kerwin, Joseph P. "Doctor in Space." Spaceflight 16 (August 1974): 296-297.

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