

NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Joseph W. Schmitt

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

O'Fallon, Illinois, High School (1935)
Army Air Force Parachute Rigging and Aircraft Clothing Repair School, Chanute Field,
Illinois

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: United States Army Air Corps (1936-1939)

PRE-NASA CAREER:

U.S. Army Air Corps (1936-1939)
Glenn L. Martin Company, Baltimore, Maryland (1939-1941)
Department of the Navy, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia (1942-1946)
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
Langley Research Center, Virginia (1946-1958)

NASA/ CAREER:

Manned Spacecraft Center, Langley, Virginia/Houston Texas
Equipment Specialist, Crew Systems Division (1958-1982)

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- NASA Exceptional Service Medal (1981)

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Nomination for "Federal Employees of the Year Award" (1982), Joseph W. Schmitt Key Personnel File, Awards Office, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

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