

NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Rob Roy Tillett

ORAL HISTORY: 7 March 2000
8 March 2000 (with Grady E. McCright)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Physics, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, 1955

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: United States Army (1950-51)

PRE-NASA CAREER:

General Dynamics/Astronautics, San Diego, California
Senior Flight Test Engineer, Atlas Ballistic Missile (1956-1961)
Assistant Project Engineer, MIDAS Program (1961-1962)
Thiokol Chemical Corporation, Brigham City, Utah
Senior Engineer, Minuteman Stage I (1962-1963)

NASA CAREER:

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas
Acting Chief, Program Planning Branch/ Apollo Spacecraft Program Office (1963-1964)
NASA/White Sands Test Facility (WSTF), Las Cruces, New Mexico
Senior Operations Director (1964-1968)
Chief, Propulsion Test Office (1968-1981)
Acting Manager, WSTF (1981-1983)
Manager, WSTF (1983-1993)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Sigma Phi Sigma (Physics Honorary Society)
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- Member, New Mexico Governor's Technical Excellence Commission

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- NASA Certificate of Commendation (1969)
- NASA Superior Performance Award (1966, 1970, 1979)
- Outstanding Performance Rating (1970, 1979)
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal (1973)
- NASA Quality Step Increase (1977)

- NASA Special Achievement Award (1980)
- Senior Executive Service (1983)
- Outstanding Leadership Medal (1985)

BIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

NASA Biographical Data Sheet (December 1991), Rob R. Tillett Biographical File, Public Affairs Office, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

Who's Who in the West, 19th edition, s.v. "Tillett, Rob Roy."

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