

The Building Buzz is a monthly bulletin intended to highlight key happenings at the NSSC. For up-to-date information, check out the NSSC Employee Homepage at internal.nssc.nasa.gov. Submit your department milestones to NSSC-CUST-SAT-and-COMM@nasa.gov.

NASA Space Flight Awareness Program Recognizes NSSC Employee Kirksey

NSSC employee Latonia Kirksey was recognized April 3 by NASA's Space Flight Awareness Program with an Honoree Award for results in cost avoidance and savings for NSSC-delivered services.

Kirksey is a senior human resources specialist for Personnel Action Processing and Payroll processing at the NSSC. She was honored for her sustained excellence in providing timely, accurate, high quality, and customer-focused support to human space flight through cost avoidance and savings.

The Honoree Award was presented during a ceremony in New Orleans, by Astronaut Scott Tingle, NASA deputy associate administrator for exploration systems development, Bill Hill, and director of the Stennis Space Center Operations Directorate, Mary Byrd.



In recognition of her flight program contributions, Kirksey toured NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility and Stennis Space Center. She also had the opportunity to view a hot fire test of RS-25 flight engine No. 2062 on the A-1 Test Stand at Stennis.

Congratulations, Latonia!

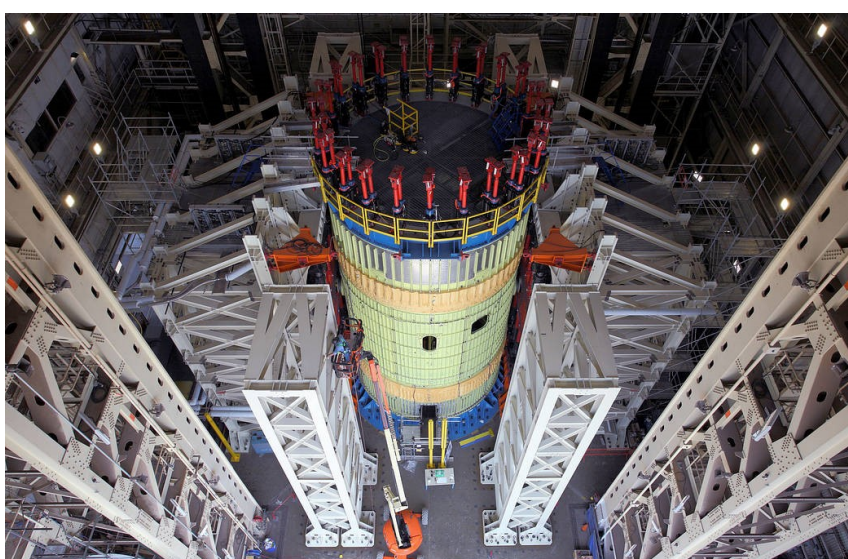
The Importance of Patching & Backups for NASA Computers

Patching of computers ensures NASA is protected against security vulnerabilities, while regular backups of computers is critically important to ensure data can be restored if it is lost or corrupt. Whether you are a remote, casual or on-site employee, it is your responsibility to keep your computers connected to a network to receive regular patches and backups. Employees can either "lock" or "log off" of your computer and keep connected to a docking station or through the Virtual Private Network (VPN) when away from a NASA Center. Patching occurs on Tuesday evenings each week.

Center Spotlight: NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center

The capabilities and experience at NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) are essential to nearly every facet of NASA's mission of exploration and discovery. Founded on July 1, 1960 and located in Huntsville, Alabama, MSFC has grown to be one of NASA's largest field centers. Supporting all four of NASA's strategic goals, MSFC makes human space flight exploration possible through leadership in complex engineering, technology development and scientific research.

The work performed at MSFC is widely known, and we are familiar with their work primarily for the International Space Station (ISS) and Space Launch System (SLS.) Falling under Strategic Goal 1 - Expand Human Knowledge through New Scientific Discoveries, MSFC is home to the Payload Operations and Integration Center, which manages all scientific research operations on the ISS around-the-clock, 365 days a year. Experiments performed on the ISS provide invaluable information to further exploration and increase our knowledge of space. MSFC is also the home to NASA's SLS. While the design, development and management is done by MSFC, the SLS is being built by more than 1,000 companies in 44 states, meeting both Strategic Goal 2 - Extend Continuous Human Presence Deeper into Space and to the Moon for Sustainable Long-Term Exploration and Utilization and Strategic Goal 3 - Address National Challenges and Catalyze Economic Growth.



The NSSC supports the work MSFC conducts in a variety of ways. While utilizing many NSSC services from each of our functional areas, the NSSC and MSFC have a few unique partnerships. The Enterprise Service Center (ESC) has an extension of the Service Desk in Huntsville. The NSSC/ESC has ten employees remotely located at MSFC, including one of our ESC Supervisors, Tom Potts. When a customer calls the NSSC toll-free number and selects any ESC option, they do not know if they are talking to someone at here at the NSSC or MSFC. The overnight shift is covered by our MSFC ESC staff. During the overnight hours, they are not only responsible for the ESC, but also any NSSC emergency calls. The knowledge database is the life line for our entire staff and relied on for emergency call outs. Additionally, the IT Business Services (ITBS) side of the Budget and Accounting Division office works closely with the Agency Applications Office, Communications Service Office and End User Service Office at MSFC on all the ITBS contracts from a funding perspective. Additionally, our Procurement team made a notable purchase of a transporter wheel unit for the SLS, located at MSFC. The NSSC's support to MSFC presents a vital role in furthering space exploration.

NSSC Supported MSFC's Mission in FY18 by performing:

Accounts Payable
5,647 Transactions

Domestic Travel
5,933 Vouchers

NASA Awards and Recognition
3,735 Transactions

Personnel Action Processing
3,224 Transactions

Enterprise Service Center
27,035 Transactions

MSFC ESC Agents Pictured L to R:

Front: Rosa Lewis, Mark Baldwin, Keith Morris.
Back: David Varrato, John Thomas, Tom Potts, Joseph Garcia.
Not pictured: Vanetta Wilson, Brandon Riggs



People @ Work



Lenny Scardino has worked at the NSSC for over 7 years. While he has held different positions throughout his life, one of his most notable achievements is the coveted title of Eagle Scout. Beginning with Cub Scouts and moving through Boy Scouts, Lenny became an Eagle Scout in 1995.

Is there anything memorable that gave you reason to becoming an Eagle Scout?

You know, I don't think it was any one particular thing. Scouts is an organization that encourages young men to become their best self. The Scoutmasters and even your peers do everything they can to help you achieve the highest rank you are willing to work for. The Eagle Scout rank is not one that is specifically difficult; so much of it requires a certain amount of dedication and drive. I had good people around me, including my father, who helped me keep focus on that goal. So even though many of my friends decided over the years to move on to other things, it was important to me to do the best I could with the Scouts.

Are there any life-lessons you've learned through scouting? If so, do you use any of those lessons today?

Scouting places a large emphasis on teaching leadership and duty. As most people know, the Scout Motto is "Be Prepared." This is something that you learn to take with you throughout your life. In all things you do, you should know what you are getting into and make sure you have the tools to be successful. In everything I do, I try to think as far ahead as I can to ensure that my actions bring the greatest good to those around me. I try to listen to others with more experience, but I will never sit back and watch things fall apart due to a lack of leadership. It is my responsibility to use the knowledge and skills I have to ensure my team is successful, and if that means forging the path, I will never hesitate to do so. Learning those skills early on has helped me be successful wherever possible, and when not possible, allowed me to reflect and learn.

Lenny is the father of three daughters. He hopes that the expansion of the Scout group at his church will allow for more opportunity for him to participate. Lenny said, "In life, we do not often get to feel a sense of real accomplishment that something we have attained is genuinely earned. I still carry the pride of what I consider was my first real accomplishment as a young man. When you stand in that ceremony and they pin the Eagle Scout rank on you, you know that the diligence and years of work were worthwhile. I cannot think of a better start to becoming your own person than by achieving such a success."

NASA Apollo 50th Anniversary T-Shirt & Cap Promotion

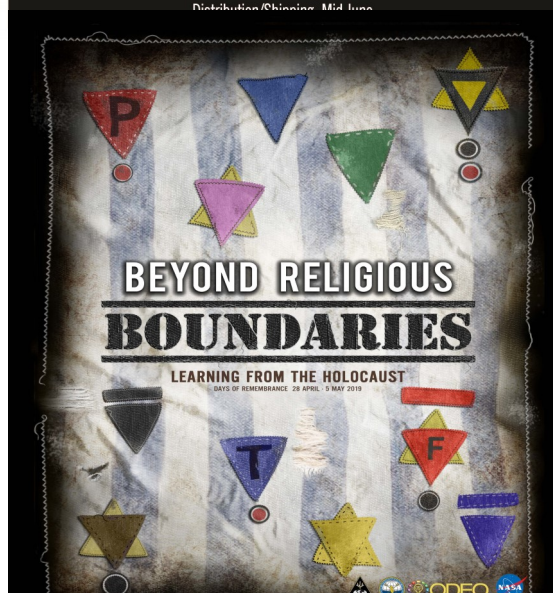


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HOLOCAUST DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Date: May 2, 2019
Time: 11:00 AM - Noon
Location: Stennisphere
Bldg 1200

Speaker: Dara Bramson
Dara Bramson is a PhD student in Aging Studies at Tulane University's School of Medicine. She was a Fulbright Scholar in Poland and a Rotary Peace Fellow in Thailand.