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## Freedom Star rescues diver

A Kennedy Space Center team helped rescue a diver in distress Wednesday, Sept 11, using a recompression chamber on board Freedom Star, one of the Solid Rocket Booster (SRB) retrieval ships, manned by United Space Alliance (USA) workers.

The diver, Jack Wilcox, 50, is in good condition and recovering in Florida Hospital Orlando after being airlifted from the Army dock at Port Canaveral. It is believed he suffered decompression sickness after ascending too quickly in an out-of-air emergency.

"I don't know what would have happened if they hadn't happened to be out there," Wilcox said from

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## STS-112 launch to offer new view

### Camera to show dramatic liftoff

The International Space Station (ISS) will receive a new truss segment, additional assembly components and radiators and new science experiments during Mission STS-112, the 15th ISS assembly mission.

The six-member crew, along with several Station components and science experiments, will ride to the Station aboard Atlantis.

At press time, the STS-112 mission was set to launch Oct. 2 between 2 and 6 p.m.

The mission launch is to be captured from a new perspective through a color video camera mounted to the top of Atlantis' External Tank.

NASA Television plans to provide a live feed from the camera as the Shuttle begins its ascent on the STS-112 mission until it reaches near orbital speed, about 70 miles above the Earth.



Atlantis is prepared at the Launch Pad for the STS-112 mission.

The camera is expected to provide video for about 30 minutes.

The camera, which will provide a view of the front and belly of the Orbiter and a portion of the Solid Rocket Boosters and External Tank,

will offer the Shuttle team an opportunity to monitor the Shuttle's performance from a new

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## New KSC deputy director named

### Morgan acting deputy, King going to Marshall

William Readdy, NASA associate administrator for Space Flight, announced the appointment of James Kennedy as deputy center director, Kennedy Space Center, and David King, deputy center director, Marshall Space Flight Center, Ala., Sept. 10.

The appointments will be effective Nov. 3.

Roy Bridges Jr., director, KSC, announced the appointment of JoAnn Morgan as acting deputy center director, KSC, Sept. 11.

Morgan will serve as acting deputy center director through Nov. 3.

Kennedy currently serves as deputy center director, Marshall Space Flight Center. He began his NASA



Kennedy

King

Morgan

career as a cooperative education student at KSC. He transferred from KSC to Marshall in 1969.

Throughout his career, he has held a variety of

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# Recognizing Our People



## National Space Club Awards

Three pioneers of launch operations on Florida's Space Coast were recognized Sept. 12 with Lifetime Achievement Awards presented annually by the National Space Club Florida Committee.

This year's honorees are Silas "Sy" Baker, John Tribe and Tom Utsman.

The coveted award was first given in 1992 and honors life-long achievement and contributions to the U.S. space program at the Cape Canaveral Spaceport.

Nominees come from government, military, commercial or government contractor organizations in operations associated with launchvehicles, spacecraft, ground systems, the Eastern Range or related activity. One to three persons are selected each year for recognition by the Steering Committee.

Baker retired from Lockheed Martin in 1999 as director of Atlas launch operations at Cape Canaveral after a 38-year career. Working at complex 36, the Boston University graduate participated in 117 launches of the Atlas Centaur.

Tribe retired from Rockwell in 1997 as chief engineer of launch support services working on the Space Shuttle program at Kennedy Space Center. The London University graduate's career spanned 43 years including work in England and then supporting early Atlas missions and all Apollo program launches.

Utsman retired from NASA in 1995 as special assistant to the KSC director. The University of Michigan graduate spent much of his 34-year career as a manager involved with facilities engineering at KSC. He spent some time at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., as a senior program official, including a stint as Shuttle Program director.

More information is available on the Web at <http://www.nationalspaceclubflorida.org>.

## Canadian Space Agency's Steve Mozes bid farewell

Kennedy Space Center and ISS International Partner KSC Resident Office representatives bid a fond farewell to Stephen Mozes, manager of the Canadian Space Agency/KSC Liaison Office September 6. Pictured from left are Ron Caswell, JSC Resident Office; Minako Holdrum, coordinator, National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA)/KSC Liaison Office; Shimpei Takahashi, deputy director, NASDA/KSC Liaison Office; Russell Romanella, deputy director, ISS/Payload Processing Directorate; Mozes; Michele Tripoli, Alenia/KSC Resident Office; Giuseppe Mancuso, Alenia/KSC Resident Office; Francesco Santoro, Alenia/KSC Resident Office; and Scott Vangen, division chief, Future Missions & International Partner Interface. Alenia is an Italian aerospace contractor.



## Employees of the Month

September Employees of the Month are (sitting from left) Suzie Stuckey, Office of the Chief Counsel; John Hueckel, ELV & Payload Carriers Programs; Traci Just, Spaceport Services; (standing from left to right) Connie Sanchez, Executive Staff Office; Pam Bookman, Spaceport Engineering & Technology; and Barbara Cox, Joint Performance Management Office; Not Shown: Andy Haugevik, Procurement Office; Ronald Best, Shuttle Processing; and Dennis Moore, ISS/Payloads Processing.

## Combined Fed Campaign begins Oct. 1

This year's Kennedy Space Center Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will officially get underway with a kickoff rally Oct. 1 at 9 a.m. in the Training Auditorium. Robert Mott, of the Shuttle Processing Directorate, has been designated as KSC chairperson.

The campaign is the time for NASA employees to reach out and support the needy in the local community, the Nation, and around the world.

Guest speakers scheduled include Wendy Chioji, WESH-TV 2 News Anchor, and Cindy Flachmeier, program coordinator, Domestic Violence Program, Salvation Army of North/Central Brevard.

Training for Unit Coordinators and Key Solicitors will follow the program. Once trained, they will personally share the message of the campaign with all employees. The campaign will run through

Oct. 31.

The campaign slogan for this year, chosen by employee vote, is "Promoting Hope ... Through Generosity." The winning slogan was submitted by Richard Gonzales of the Chief Counsel Office.

In his letter announcing the campaign to all NASA employees, Center Director Roy Bridges stated, "Keeping in mind the tragic events of a year ago, the theme fits perfectly." He asked all to join him at the kickoff rally to learn more about this year's campaign and the organizations it supports. "By generously combining our efforts, the KSC Federal workforce will truly promote hope for those less fortunate. With the efforts of our Key Solicitors and Unit Coordinators and the generosity of our workforce, we can exceed our goal."

Last year, KSC federal employees contributed more than \$300,000.

## Oct. 23 Super Safety & Health Day



The Cape Canaveral Spaceport will participate in a full day of safety and health activities Oct. 23.

The activities are all part of an annual event known as Spaceport Super Safety & Health Day.

This event was initiated at KSC in 1998 to increase awareness of the importance of safety and health among the government and contractor workforce.

This year's theme, "Safety & Health, A Way of Life," emphasizes not only the importance of safety and health in the workplace, but its significance in everyday life.

It is a day to remember that our safety and health, both on and off duty, are crucial to our overall effectiveness.

Safety & Health Day activities will kick off with a keynote address at the KSC Training Auditorium by

John Drebing Jr., nationally known speaker, trainer, author and magician.

The kick-off activities will be covered live on NASATV.

Afternoon events will feature a multitude of exhibitors at various locations throughout the Center, a health fair and open house at the KSC Fitness Center, astronaut appearances and individual organization and contractor activities.

As in the past, all normal work activities, with the exception of mandatory services such as fire, medical, security and cafeteria service, will be suspended to allow all personnel to participate in the event.

For the latest information visit the web site at <http://www-ss.ksc.nasa.gov/supersafety2002>.



Hispanic Heritage luncheon supporters are (from left) Joseph Tellado, James Jennings, Lydia Del Rio, Felix Soto-Toro and Sam Gutierrez.

## Hispanic Heritage Lunch Sept. 27

The Cape Canaveral Spaceport Hispanic Heritage Luncheon will be held Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The featured guest speaker, Orlando Figueroa, Mars Program director, will provide us an insight to the future of the program. The event promises to be as fun and informative as last year's event. The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Debus Conference Facility will be the location and live Mariachi entertainment will be provided. This year's Hispanic Employment Program Working Group committee has selected a delicious menu of Latin food. To purchase tickets, contact Pedro Carrion, Wanda Petty, Lydia Del Rio, Rosaly Santos-Ebaugh, Joe Tellado, Luis Moctezuma, Pete Rosado, Henry Bursian, Luis Saucedo, Lina Rosado and Jose Lopez or Ken Aguilar.

## Customer Service Week Oct. 7-11

To foster customer service efforts, Kennedy Space Center will recognize National Customer Service Week Oct. 7-11.

Federal emphasis on customer service first became nationally recognized in 1993 when Vice President Al Gore and President's Executive Order 12862 called for a revolution within the government to change the way it does business.

KSC will host a special customer service event on Oct. 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the KSC training auditorium

The Customer Assurance and Analysis Office in the External Relations and Business Development Directorate is planning a program featuring Center Director Roy Bridges and guest speakers Alan Doty, Kansas City Paint

Process lead, and Ted Harris, Kansas City PACE Union president, Harley Davidson.

Doty and Harris will discuss 1) internal customer satisfaction; 2) negotiating departmental expectations; 3) union workers and customer satisfaction; and 4) lean manufacturing.

The program will also honor the people who are the "voices" of the service revolution on the frontlines. The directorate is putting forth a call for nominees who have demonstrated exemplary customer service at KSC.

Nominations are due no later than Sept. 27, to Gisele Altman, 7-1161 or [gisele.altman-2@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:gisele.altman-2@ksc.nasa.gov).

The program will also feature door prizes and grab-bag food coupons from Lackman Culinary.

# Spacewalk Hall of Fame helps tell

Tucked inside the Miracle City Mall in Titusville is a museum that takes you back to the early days of the U.S. space program while bringing you into the present day activities of the Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs.

The U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum was created by former Kennedy Space Center workers in December 2001 and has been toured by more than 1,500 guests from 25 different countries and 42 of the 50 United States. It is also a museum of change.

First created under the auspices of the U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation, the museum opened in the mall but within three months it had outgrown that space and moved this past June to larger quarters within the mall.

This one-of-a-kind museum helps illustrate America's space exploration history by displaying hundreds of rare photos, space patches and pins, space hardware, flight suits, shuttle tiles and miscellaneous memorabilia. The museum also displays the bronzed handprints of Apollo and Space Shuttle astronauts.

Space buffs can browse through the museum's collection of space-oriented books, magazine articles, documents and mission directories, as well as view space history on any of a number of videotapes.

"All of the items in the museum have been donated or loaned for display by retired and current space workers who want to share this history with the community," said Jack Weakland, museum administrator. "Sometimes we get entire collections from estates."

He continued, "We get three to four donations every week. Some even arrive from out of state and other NASA centers."

For example, just recently the museum received a scale model of a Saturn V rocket from Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Museum visitors can also view a SCAPE suit, headrests from the Gemini spacecraft simulator, orbiter wing insulation, a Delta launch vehicle door, a Solid Rocket Booster drogue chute, and space food and water rations from the Russian MIR space station. For a short time visitors can see a 1/8th-scale Russian orbiter that was actually launched into space four times during flight testing.

The Space Walk of Fame, which at this time consists of the Mercury and Gemini memorials, are located in Space View Park along the Indian River, just a short drive from the museum. These memorials are the first and only of their kind in the nation that honor America's astronauts as well as the behind the scenes workers who helped America lead the world in space exploration.

The Mercury Exhibit rests on a brick base



A bronze statue of President John F. Kennedy is on display in the museum.

engraved with Mercury workers' names, while the Gemini Exhibit features a granite base inscribed with the names of those who worked on the Gemini program.

Some pieces for the future Apollo Space Walk of Fame Exhibit are already completed and on display in the museum, including a bronze replica of President John F. Kennedy standing at a podium and one of 12 bronze reliefs for the base of the exhibit.

According to Weakland, all the equipment, engraving and metal work for the Mercury and Gemini Exhibits were kept to local companies. Plans are to do the same for the Apollo Space Walk of Fame Exhibit.

In addition to all the space memorabilia, the real gems of the museum are the volunteers, many of them retired from the space program, with their own personal stories and experiences to share.

Charlie Mars, museum president, commented, "Just recently we had the BBC here filming the museum and the U.S. Space Walk of Fame monuments for a documentary called, 'Escape to the Sun.'"

"The story of space exploration and our space program continues and I see this museum also continuing to grow in order to preserve its history, as seen through the eyes of the people who worked it."

Stewart Evans, a retired rear admiral and retired NASA procurement assistant administrator in Washington, D.C., and wife Joan, recently visited the museum for the first time.

"This museum does an excellent job in helping to get the NASA story out to the community," said Evans, who now resides in Cocoa Beach. "Coming back here makes me feel good to see some of the things I had a part in."

Volunteer Peggy Reichle, who also handles the museum's publicity, says there are about 30 volunteers with a core group of about 20. "We need to increase our volunteer base. Many are getting up in years and we want to ensure that we can continue the museum."

For museum or volunteer information, call 321-264-0434.



## Remembering Our Her



The Mercury Monument (above) can be seen during a visit to the Space Walk of Fame in Spaceview Park, Titusville, as can the Gemini Monument (below).



# the Kennedy Space Center story



At left, Jack Weakland (left), museum administrator, and Charlie Mars, President of the U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation, sit in front of a 1/8th-scale Russian orbiter on loan to the museum. Above, Ian Poteet, of Titusville, looks at a scale model of a Space Shuttle atop a mobile launcher.

## Space Workers' Reunion scheduled for Sept. 28

The U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation will host their annual Space Worker's Reunion, Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Miracle City Mall in Titusville with a full day of special events and special guests.

As a lead in to the reunion event, the Titusville Chamber of Commerce will kick off the weekend with "Jazz n' Space" in historic downtown Titusville from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. The evening features live music, games and food.

The Foundation's museum and gift shop will be open all day Saturday. Admission is free to tour the museum and view all kinds of space memorabilia, including books, artifacts, scale models, space apparel, and other historical items.

The day's events will feature a SCAPE (self-contained atmospheric protective ensemble) suit demonstration by Wyle Labs Propellants and Life Support at noon and displays from space-related companies including Boeing and United Space Alliance.

For the kids, Mr. Science (a.k.a. local resident, Tim Perkins) will be on hand to help with rocket building and other fun space demonstrations.

Former Apollo 13 astronaut, Fred Haise, will appear at the museum gift shop from 11 a.m. to noon to sign pictures and memorabilia and speak on his "crash and burn" experiences flying for the "Confederate Air Force" from 3 to 4 p.m.

Authors Harold Burton and Guenter Wendt will be at the museum gift shop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign their books, "From Behind Sandbags," and "The Unbroken Chain," respectively. Noted space historian and author, Andrew Chaikin, will also make an appearance and present his "Space 45 Years Later" using 45 years of space photos from 1 to 2 p.m.

"This year we're opening all our events up to the public," said Charlie Mars, president. "We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the day and evening with us at this year's Space Worker's Reunion."

A special reunion dinner, catered by Pumpernickels, will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails and socializing followed by dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Haise will be the featured speaker, with his presentation "Apollo 13, The Real Story."

The cost for the dinner is \$22 and reservations need to be made in advance. Call the museum at 264-0434 for more information.

## Heritage



visit to the U.S. in the Gemini



Stewart Evans, retired assistant administrator for procurement at NASA HQ, and wife, Joan Marie, look over space memorabilia during their first visit to the museum.



Stephen and Sandra Norris of Titusville visit the museum during his day off.

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management positions, which include deputy director and acting director for the former science and engineering directorate and director of engineering at Marshall.

At Marshall, Kennedy shares management responsibilities with Center Director Art Stephenson for managing one of NASA's largest field centers that employs more than 2,700 civil servants and more than 23,000 contractor personnel.

Kennedy served in several key positions in NASA's Space Shuttle program, ultimately serving as project manager of the Solid Rocket Booster Project Office.

Additionally, he was assigned to the Advanced Space Transportation Project, where he served as project manager of the DC-XA and the X-34.

King currently serves as director, Shuttle Processing at KSC. He began his career as a main propulsion system engineer in 1983.

He has served in a variety of

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**SEAN O'KEEFE**  
NASA ADMINISTRATOR

positions such as flow director for the Space Shuttle Discovery, acting deputy director, Installation Operations directorate; deputy director, Shuttle Processing; and as Shuttle Launch director.

King has been in his current position since 1999.

As the director of Shuttle Processing at KSC, King currently manages and coordinates all Space Shuttle processing and launch operations, overseeing the work of approximately 5,400 civil service and contractor employees. He coordinates all pre-launch preparations, as well as Shuttle landing

operations.

As the senior member of the Shuttle launch team during the 3-day countdown, King ultimately makes the final determination to launch.

Morgan serves as director, External Relations & Business Development at KSC. She began her federal career in 1958 as a cooperative education student with the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

She has served in a variety of managerial positions including division chief and deputy director, Expendable Launch Vehicles; director, Payload Projects and

Ground Operations; director, Safety and Mission Assurance; and associate director, Advanced Development and Shuttle Upgrades. She has served in her current position since May 2000.

The appointments reflect NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe's One NASA approach to program management, which focuses on enhanced coordination, collaboration and communication among all agency facilities to reach common goals.

"These key personnel moves epitomize the concept of One NASA," said Administrator O'Keefe. "They also further the good partnership between Marshall and the Kennedy Space Center and promote executive mobility within the agency."

"I'm pleased that Jim Kennedy and Dave King will serve as key players on our space flight team in the Human Exploration and Development of Space Enterprise while leading the way in demonstrating 'One NASA' for our field activities," said Readdy.

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his hospital bed on Thursday. "Andy Fish (a USA SRB retrieval diver and diver medical technician) stayed with me inside the chamber the whole time working with me and reassuring me. The KSC folks were really great throughout the whole experience."



**Andy Fish**

Wilcox ran out of air. He approached his dive buddy and shared air to about 60 feet. Having difficulty getting enough air, Wilcox made a free ascent to the surface.

Wilcox experienced chest pain and difficulty breathing as the boat, Knot Content, headed into port. The group radioed the U.S. Coast Guard for help.

The Freedom Star team, who are a part of USA's SRB Element Marine Operations, heard the call

Wilcox and several friends were lobster diving at about 100 feet down on Pelican Flats about 20 miles off of Cape Canaveral, when



United Space Alliance workers on board the Freedom Star release a distressed diver to an Orlando Air Care Team for transfer to a hospital.

for help and asked the Coast Guard if they could assist. The ship was out on a crane certification exercise and coincidentally had a diver medical technician and other divers training on the crane. The ship's divers were trained for the hyperbaric chamber on board.

"We only did what anyone would do," said Capt. Dave Fraine, "It's the law of the sea. You help when you can. We're just grateful to God we were able to help."

Jack Mullen, the USA retrieval

supervisor aboard Freedom Star, said the diver DMT and team were able to help because of all the training they do to be able to assist one of their own in case of a dive accident during a retrieval mission. The hyperbaric chamber on board is used to help a diver suffering decompression sickness, too many nitrogen bubbles in the blood, which can cause injury or death if untreated.

"We are glad our training and capabilities could be of assistance to a member of the public. It was

just by luck that we were in the middle of a training operation and were close enough with the right resources to be able to help," Mullen said.

Capt. Fraine, Mullen and their Freedom Star team scrambled to meet the Knot Content after the Coast Guard gave them the go ahead.

"The KSC folks were all lined up on board to grab me," Wilcox said. "Within a few seconds they had me in the chamber and Andy began to work with me taking my vital signs and doing what he could do to help me."

The team was met by KSC Occupational Health doctor Skip Beeler, USA diver medical technicians to help with the chamber, and KSC firefighters and paramedics at the Army dock. The doctor entered the chamber and continued the process of helping to stabilize Wilcox. After several hours in the chamber, Wilcox, who lives in Orlando, was airlifted to Florida Hospital Orlando.

"I didn't know if I was going to make it. It's a huge relief to be in the hospital recovering thanks to the KSC guys," Wilcox said.

# Successful ALE seeks workers for free training

The recent success of an innovative and interactive new learning system holds great promise as the aerospace industry seeks ways to efficiently train new employees.

Developed by the Florida Space Research Institute (FSRI) with funding from Workforce Florida and NASA, the Advanced Learning Environment (ALE) is a web-based learning portal designed as a tool to help train new recruits and a resource for real-time work issues encountered by employees.

Because it is organized into class modules, participants can create customizable training paths tailored to their own needs.

Since it went live in March, the program has received a great deal of positive feedback.

"We've been pleased with all of the complimentary feedback we've received," said Dr. Samuel Durrance, executive director of FSRI. "That kind of positive response means that the ALE is accomplishing its goals. We're now in the process of developing new learning content and implementing continual improvements to the system."

In just a few short months, more than 900 people have participated



Linda Hanko of United Space Alliance says ALE training has helped familiarize her with the calibration equipment she sees each day at the NASA Shuttle Logistics Depot.

in ALE training. Since there is sufficient scholarship funding to offer free enrollment to 1,320 users, there are about 300 free slots still available.

Originally established under the leadership of George Kirkpatrick, an FSRI board member and former Florida state senator, the goal of ALE was to develop revolutionary learning technologies which would increase educational efficiency to benefit the space-related workforce both statewide and nationally.

Since its activation, interest among the academic community

has increased as well.

Here are some examples of positive feedback from recent participants:

- Ed Harkins: "I believe that the ALE presentation methods would benefit any level of students – whether they are new to the aerospace industry or seasoned veterans. ... I was especially impressed with the scenario-type questions offered in the Cleanrooms module."
- Tracy Anderson: "I've completed at least 20 modules and tests in the Digital Electronics courses... It was

a good series. I liked the shorter format – easier to fit it in around my work."

- Melinda Smith: "Thanks for the opportunity! It is so hard for me to schedule any time off for 'class time' and this at least gives me the opportunity to hopefully earn my bachelor's degree one day."

ALE has even garnered the attention of Congressman David Weldon.

In a recent letter to NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, Weldon wrote: "I was very impressed with the program's ability as a web-based environment to provide educational resources tailored for the aerospace industry. ... This program is an excellent way to help rebuild our aerospace workforce as many Apollo-era employees within the aerospace workforce retire."

One-year scholarships will be available through Sept. 30. Even when scholarships are no longer available, registration will still be available at an affordable cost.

For more information regarding registration and scholarship opportunities, go to <http://www.fsri.org/ale.htm> or contact Tom Cavanagh, the ALE Program Manager at 321-452-2653, ext. 211.

## KSC employees learn about IFMP at Expo Sept. 5-6

Kennedy Space Center employees are striving to be leaders not only in technological innovation, but also in management and business operations effectiveness.

KSC employees were introduced Sept. 5-6 to a program that will help them improve the way the Center does business.

The Integrated Financial Management Program (IFMP) is a NASA-wide effort to modernize the agency's financial and administrative systems and processes.

KSC's IFMP Team sponsored a two-day Expo to educate employees about IFM and the impact it will have on their daily duties and activities.

About 700 employees visited the KSC Training Auditorium and Launch Control Center to see software demonstrations and presentations offered by the Position Description Management, Resume Management, Travel Manager and Core Financial module teams.

Position Description Management and Resume Management are currently up and running while Travel Manager and Core

Financial are set to go live in February 2003.

Each module team made presentations in the KSC Training Auditorium the first day of the Expo, which was kicked off with remarks from KSC Center Director Roy Bridges.

Bridges affirmed the business objectives and the necessity of making IFMP a successful endeavor at KSC. He encouraged attendees to get involved and to embrace the changes the IFMP represent.

"These tools will require us not to just take part in (IFMP), but to re-think the way we do business (at KSC). It will require some of your best efforts," said Bridges. "America's space program is known for technical excellence, but unfortunately we're not well known for being cutting edge in business processes. The IFMP Program will help us get that job done."

He also took time to publicly thank Deputy Center Director Jim Jennings for his loyal service as he departs to Headquarters to fill his new role as deputy associate administrator for Institutions and asset management at NASA



A Kennedy Space Center worker looks on as an Integrated Financial Management Program instructor explains related software during the employee Expo, which was held in two locations across the Center.

Headquarters.

KSC employees took advantage of the opportunity to ask many questions of their

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# Kennedy Space Center remembers 9/11

## IFMP ...

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Employees at Kennedy Space Center recognized the first anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy with memorial services and the wearing of patriotic colors and symbols on Sept. 11. Above, the Astronaut Memorial Foundation holds a ceremony in the lobby of the Center for Space Education. Below left, KSC workers gathered in the Training Auditorium to watch the memorial broadcast from NASA Headquarters. Below right, Kim Sherouse, a Space Gateway Support custodian, shows her patriotism while on the job.

colleagues who are working on the module teams.

Logistics Engineer Katie Zajdel appreciated the learning opportunity. "I'm sure there will be a learning curve at first, like any big change, but I'm sure it will be well worth it," she said.

IFMP will ensure that all centers have timely and consistent data and improved business practices.

The program is based upon implementing a series of new enterprise software systems and business processes that will help improve employee productivity, operations efficiency, and also increase NASA's fiscal and management accountability.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe has embraced the concepts behind IFMP and made the program one of the highest priorities of the Agency.

He emphasizes that IFMP's success is critical to restoring credibility to NASA's financial management processes.

The capabilities that will be derived from the IFMP fit well with the five goals embodied in the President's Management Agenda, specifically the goal of "improved Financial Performance," another key component of O'Keefe's vision for NASA.

For more information visit the following Web sites: <http://corefinancial.ifmp.nasa.gov> or [www.ifmp.nasa.gov](http://www.ifmp.nasa.gov).



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perspective.

Primary STS-112 payloads include the S1 Integrated Truss Segment and a Crew Equipment Translation Aid cart.

During Mission STS-112, mission specialists will use the Station's robotic arm to transfer the S1 Truss from Atlantis' payload bay and attach it to the starboard side of the S0 Truss on the Station.

The truss is the next major addition to the Station's backbone

that will eventually span more than 300 feet to carry power, data and environmental services for the orbiting outpost.

When complete, the ends of the truss structure will also house the Station's solar arrays.

The primary function of the S1 Truss is to provide the first of two External Active Thermal Control System (EATCS) loops for the ISS.

The STS-112 crew are Commander Jeff Ashby, Pilot Pam Melroy, and Mission Specialists Sandy Magnus, Dave Wolf, Piers Sellers and Fyodor Yurchikhin.



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