Marshall Space Flight Center Historical Chronology 1960–2010

1941 1945 1950 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

Redstone Opens

Marshall Center Opens

Sputnik

Sputnik

Explorer I

Jupiter-C Puts Up Moon

Project Highwater

Pres. Kennedy at MSFC

Dr. Werhner Von Braun

President Kennedy Sets Goal of Man's Lunar Landing Within a Decade

First Saturn I Flight

NASA Created

First Seven Astronauts

Pres. Eisenhower Dedicates MSFC

General Marshall

Von Braun Team Moves to Huntsville

Von Braun Team

MSFC Tested Redstone Rocket

F-1 Engine

Pegasus

Pegasus Micro-Meteoroid Satellites Launched

Lunar Roving Vehicle Project Assigned to MSFC

President Nixon

First SSME Review

Saturn Fired

Saturn V Launch

Saturn Dynamic Test

First Manned Saturn

S-11 Structural Test Facility Completed

Apollo 11

Skylab

S-IC Test Stand

First Use of LRV (Apollo 15)

Dr. Eberhard Rees Center Director

Dr. Rocco Petrone Center Director

Dr. William Lucas Center Director

LAGEOS

Saturn 1B Static Test Stand Modified for Solid Rocket Booster Testing

Apollo-Soyuz Test Project

External Tank

Enterprise

HIGH ENERGY ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY

HEAO

HOSC

Huntsville Operations Support Center Activated for Shuttle Launch Support

Challenger Accident

STS-1

First Spacelab

President Reagan Calls for Space Station

Solid Rocket Motor Redesign

EASE

Jan Davis

MSFC Engineer Jan Davis Selected for Astronaut Corps

Post Challenger Testing

James R. Thompson Center Director

T.J. Lee Center Director

Return to Flight

Inertial Upper Stage

MSFC Named to Manage Inertial Upper Stage for Interplanetary Probes

Hubble Launched

BATSE

Gamma-Ray Observatory

Astronauts in Marshall's NBS

International Microgravity I

Urban Heat Island

Astronaut Training

G. Porter Bridwell Center Director

Dr. J. Wayne Littles Center Director

First Tests for Super Lightweight External Tank

First Major Space Station Node

NSSTC Created

First Exp. 1 Crew on International Space Station

U.S. Microgravity Lab

Destiny

Arthur G. Stephenson Center Director

International Space Station Assembly Begins

Propulsion Research Lab

Chandra Launched

Shuttle Main Engine

Space Station Operations Center

Ares 1-X

Webb Telescope

J-2X Engine Tested

Gravity Probe B

ISS Oxygen Generation System Launched

Oxygen Generation System

STS-121

Post Columbia Redesign

David A. King Center Director

STS-121 Verifies External Tank Redesign

Friction Stir Welding

Robert M. Lightfoot

Lightfoot Named Director of Marshall

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