DEDICATION
OF THE
GEORGE C. MARSHALL
SPACE FLIGHT CENTER
BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
SEPTEMBER 8, 1960
From Presidential Executive Order dated March 15, 1960:

...WHEREAS the late General of the Army, George C. Marshall devoted his life to the service of his country and to the advancement of the cause of peace throughout the world:

...NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, I hereby designate the facilities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Huntsville, Alabama, as the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center; and such facilities shall hereafter be known and referred to by that name.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
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As Secretary of State be molded an American economic and diplomatic program which turned the tide of communism in war-ravaged Western Europe. This "Marshall Plan" led to the coalition of free nations under NATO and made possible a revitalized Europe.

He was a dedicated American, humanitarian, soldier, statesman, peace-maker.
DEDICATION CEREMONIES

10:30 A.M.

CONCERT. ................................................ U.S. ARMY REDSTONE ARSENAL BAND

INVOCATION ........................................... DR. HARRY B. WADE, Minister, First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville

REMARKS ............................................... THE HONORABLE JOHN PATTERSON, Governor of Alabama

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ............. DR. WERNHER von BRAUN, Director, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT. DR. T. KEITH GLENNAN, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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UNVEILING OF BUST OF GEORGE C. MARSHALL. . . ................................................ MRS. KATHERINE T. MARSHALL

BENEDICTION ................. THE REVEREND GEORGE F. HART, Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Huntsville

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
GEORGE C. MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

THE GEORGE C. MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER occupies 1200 acres on the Redstone Arsenal reservation near Huntsville, Alabama. Its facilities are valued at more than $100,000,000. With more than 5100 employees it is the largest field installation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Center was officially established July 1, 1960, with Dr. Wernher von Braun as Director.

The current major mission is to develop an efficient and reliable system for lifting multi-ton loads into orbit around the earth and into deep space. The vehicle under development for this purpose is the Saturn which will ultimately be capable of transporting men around the moon and back to earth, or placing instruments on Mars and Venus.

Other programs include the development and testing of a modified Redstone vehicle for the Mercury manned satellite program; launching a series of space probes and earth satellites with the Juno II booster; management of the development of the Agena and Centaur rocket systems; development of suitable support and testing equipment for all programs, and related and supplementary research incident to space exploration.
The National Aeronautics and Space Administration came into being October 1, 1958, with the responsibility for all of the nation's space activities except those peculiar to or associated with national defense.

In establishing the new administration, Congress declared that it is the policy of the United States that activities in space be devoted to peaceful purposes for the benefit of all mankind.

Upon its activation, NASA absorbed the 43-year-old National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and has expanded to a total of 11 field installations throughout the United States in addition to its Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Under the direction of Dr. T. Keith Glennan, Administrator, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is carrying out a long-range program of scientific experimentation which will put man into space, soft-land self-propelled instruments on the moon, accomplish return of space vehicles to earth, provide satellites for radio and optical space observation, to establish world-wide communications, and to eventually resolve the various phenomena and problems encountered in space exploration.