

Tom Hancock Receives NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal

Veteran section member and past section chair Tom Hancock received the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal (DPSM) on August 14, 2014 during NASA's annual Agency Honor Awards ceremony.



Marshall Space Flight Center Deputy Center Director Teresa Vanhooser notified Tom on July 9 that he had been selected for the DPSM, the highest honor bestowed by the agency to non-government personnel. Tom subsequently received a formal invitation to the Agency Honor Awards ceremony from NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, Jr.

During the ceremony, Administrator Bolden and Associate Administrator Robert Lightfoot presented Tom with his medal and a certificate that read, "For exceptional dedication and professionalism in sharing NASA aerospace education opportunities with students and educators around the world." Tom is renowned for his untiring efforts to advance Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education for our youth and the DPSM is fitting recognition of his contributions.

Tom joins the prestigious list of distinguished recipients of the DPSM including William Shatner, Carl Sagan, Neil deGrasse Tyson, and fellow section member Chip Kopicz among others. Tom now adds this honor to his long list of AIAA awards including the Sustained Service Award and the Greater Huntsville Section's Oberth Award.

The Section congratulates Tom and thanks him for reflecting great credit upon the AIAA and the Greater Huntsville Section!

