PETERS PRESENTED NASA EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE MEDAL

Burnett W. Peters, Jr. was awarded a NASA Exceptional Service Medal March 27 at the Honor Awards Ceremony at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

He received the award "for personal commitment and outstanding contributions to the Equal Opportunity Program at Langley Research Center."

Peters is presently Manager, Equal Opportunity Programs, and is responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Center's Equal Opportunity Programs, including the Affirmative Action Plan, Hispanic Employment Program, and Federal Women's Program. He also administers the Discrimination Complaints System.

He began his Langley career in 1974 as a contract compliance specialist, subsequently serving as Executive Secretary of the Minority Business Enterprise Program; Head, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs; Assistant Chief and then Chief, Scientific and Technical Information Programs Division; and Chief, Management Operations Division.

He is a retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and the recipient of the Bronze Star, Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, South Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Crew Medal, an Air Force Commendation Medal, and was an outstanding graduate of the Command and Staff Course.

He has over 3,000 flying hours in jet and conventional aircraft.

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A native of Parkersburg, W. Va., Peters earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Howard University in 1951, master of science degree in education from the University of Southern California in 1967, and a master of science degree in administration from George Washington University in 1973. He has completed course work for a doctorate in administration with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He is a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, National Technical Association, the Air Force Association, Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Education Society, Howard University Alumni Association, Protestant Chapel Board of LAFB, LesHommes Civic and Social Club, Life Member of the NAACP, and Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Langley Federal Credit Union for twelve years.

Peters and his wife Betty live in Hampton. They have a son and three daughters.

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