PLAN FOR THE DEDICATION OF
THE VARIABLE DENSITY TUNNEL
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK EXHIBIT
October 10, 1991

The VDT National Historic Landmark Exhibit will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday October 10, 1991. The ceremony will take place beside the tunnel chamber, located adjacent to the Reid Conference Center. The ceremony will follow a special colloquium presented at 1:30 p.m. at the Reid Center. Dr. Harry S. Butowsky, Historian, National Park Service, will be the guest speaker and will talk on "The Variable Density Wind Tunnel - NASA's Most Consequential National Historical Landmark", after which everyone will be invited outside for this brief dedication ceremony.

Note: Dr. Sheila Long will host Dr. Butowsky, who is expected to arrive in the morning. Arrival time - TBD. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon in the Private Dining Room. Invited luncheon guests include Dr. Butowsky, Pete Petersen, Paul Holloway, John Mouring, Dr. Frank Farmer, Dick Layman, Ed Long, and Sheila Long. If Dr. Butowsky arrives late, some morning activities may have to be cancelled.

At 1:00 p.m., there will be a media interview opportunity in the Langley Room of the Reid Center.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

2:30 p.m. Introduction of Center Director
Dr. John Shoosmith
Chairman, Colloquium Committee

2:32 Remarks
Richard H. Petersen
Center Director

2:35 Presentation of National Historical Landmark Plaque to Mr. Petersen
Dr. Harry Butowsky
National Park Service

2:37 Unveiling of Plaque Sign
Mr. Petersen, Dr. Butowsky, and W. R. Phillips, Vice President, Newport News Shipbuilding

2:40 Guests are invited to have refreshments (to be served outside if weather permits)

RAIN PLAN

In case of inclement weather, the Dedication Ceremony will be held in the Reid Center. A slide will be shown of the sign with the two plaques (one is the official National Park Service Historic Landmark Plaque and the other is a replica of the NN Shipbuilding Plaque showing the date the VDT was built. Original plaque is in Langley’s Archives.) Also, slides will be shown of the three interpretive signs.
ACTIONS AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

A photographer has been scheduled with Fred Jones.

John Mouring, Master Planner, is in charge of the exhibit design and will oversee site preparation and sign installation. As National Historic Landmarks Point of Contact, he will also introduce Dr. Butowsky at the Colloquium.

Dick Layman, Historical and Artifacts Program Coordinator, wrote the text on the three signs and provided the illustrations.

George Palko is in charge of grounds preparation at the site and will prepare for the signs erection. George will furnish a small platform to elevate participants standing at the lectern.

Ann Suit will get fabric that will cover the plaque sign. Greg Freidt will furnish measurements.

Karen Freidt, Graphics, designed the panels layout and is in charge of production of the three interpretive signs and the sign with the two brass plaques. Karen will furnish slides to be used in case of rain. Karen will give the slides to John Mouring.

Cam Martin will write Mr. Petersen's talk.

Mr. W. R. Phillips, Executive Vice President, will represent Newport News Shipbuilding at the ceremony.

Jean Clough will prepare a press release and is in charge of the media interview opportunity.

Mike Finneran will write the article for the "Researcher News".

Dr. Sheila Long will reserve a table in the Private Dining Room and invite luncheon guests. She will write the colloquium announcement inviting everyone to attend the Colloquium and Dedication Ceremony. She will transport Dr. Butowsky to and from the airport.

Pam Verniel is in charge of refreshments and will have Andrea Lewis prepare for 250 guests. She will also arrange for a projectionist and will have a lectern set up beside the VDT outside the Reid Center.

Attached is the site layout showing the location of interpretive signs, the plaque sign, lectern and where guests will stand.
(A) Facsimile of shipyard nomenclature plate (2nd facsimile mounted on VDT - original in Va. Air & Space Center
(B) Official Natl Park Service plaque

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