Andrew J. Hansbrough 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 exceptional contributions in effecting significant increases in the productivity of scientific and technical information support of the Langley Research Center's mission."

Hansbrough is presently Chief, Research Information and Applications Division, where he is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the activities involved in the processing and distribution of scientific and technical information resulting from in-house generated and contract-sponsored research in aeronautics and space. He also directs the Technical Library and Technology Utilization functions, which are part of the division, and is the Chairman of the Langley Exchange Council.

Hansbrough began his Langley career in 1964 as an administrative management intern, and subsequently served as a budget analyst; cost analyst in the Viking Project Office; Head, R&D Programs Group; Head, Institutional Programs Group; Assistant to the Chief, Management Support Division; and Assistant Chief, Management Support Division.

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Other assignments include a year at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, after which he returned to Langley as Head, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs. He also served as Head, Management Systems and Analysis Office, and beginning in 1982 he filled the position of center liaison in the Office of Aeronautics and Space Technology at NASA Headquarters.

Prior to joining Langley, he served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964, where he received the Presidential Unit Citation while in Korea. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1964 to 1972.

A native of Roanoke, Va., Hansbrough earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1961. He received a master of science degree in management engineering from George Washington University in 1972. He is an adjunct professor in the graduate program at Golden Gate University and a member of the American Society of Public Administration.

He and his wife Shirley have two sons, and live in Grafton, Va.