FORREST PRESENTED NASA EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Diane E. Forrest was awarded a NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal March 27 at the Honor Awards Ceremony at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. She received the award "for special contributions to the Center's Disabled Program."

Forrest began her Langley career in 1978 as a classification specialist in the Classification Organization Branch, Personnel Division, advancing to staffing and classification specialist in 1984. In 1990 she was appointed the Disability Program Manager in the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs. Her specialized fields of work are personnel and equal opportunity.

Prior to coming to Langley she served for 11 years as a staffing and classification specialist for the U.S. Army at Fort Monroe, Va.

Forrest authored an article for the Richmond, Va. Science Museum on careers in aerospace, and in 1991 was one of the NASA speakers in Dallas, Tex. before the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities.

She is a member of the Classification and Compensation Society, Hampton Roads Chapter.
Her awards include the U.S. Army's Aerostructures Directorate Award for Exceptional Contributions. At NASA, in addition to her present award, she has received two Special Achievement Awards and a Group Achievement Award.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., and the daughter of a member of the U.S. Army, she attended as many as 16 schools before graduating from Coco Solo High School, Panama Canal Zone, in 1961. She attended Southeast Missouri State University for two years before transferring to Old Dominion University where she received a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1967.

She and her husband Wallace live in Poquoson, Va.

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