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2011 Gathering of Eagles to Salute the Space Shuttle **Edwards AFB Flight Test Historical Foundation** **will honor area teams that helped make history**

Edwards AFB, CA, June 14, 2011 – The Flight Test Historical Foundation will honor five teams that have made significant contributions to the success of our nation's Space Shuttle Program. The 2011 Gathering of Eagles event theme is Salute To The Space Shuttle, and will celebrate the program from its initial development through the final mission during an unforgettable banquet program on Friday, October 14, 2011. The teams being recognized have achieved distinction through their accomplishments as part of the Space Shuttle Program and contributions to human spaceflight. This event will benefit the Flight Test Historical Foundation and the Air Force's Flight Test Center Museum.

Being honored are: NASA's ALT/OFT Team, who was responsible for the early Approach & Landing Test and Orbital Flight Test phase of the program at the Dryden Flight Research Center and Edwards Air Force Base; NASA Dryden Flight Research Center's Space Shuttle Operations Team, who has provided continual operational support including tracking and communications, as well as West Coast landings; Boeing's Space Shuttle AIT Team at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, who was responsible for the Assembly, Integration & Test of all Space Shuttle Orbiters, their major overhaul and upgrades periods, and production and repair of program hardware; Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne's Space Shuttle Main Engine Team in Canoga Park, who was responsible for the production and testing of the SSMEs; and the US Air Force Space Shuttle Recovery Team, who was responsible for the safe and secure recovery of the Orbiters as they returned from space landing at Edwards AFB.

NASA Administrator and veteran Space Shuttle Astronaut Charles Bolden has been invited to serve as the evening's keynote speaker. The event will feature other Space Shuttle Program Astronauts, as well as key government, industry, and community leaders. The celebration will be held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster, CA. A silent auction will be part of the event. Tickets are \$90 per seat. Corporate sponsorships are available at various levels. Additional information and tickets can be obtained at www.edwardsmuseum.org or by telephone at 877-358-8378.

"It is our privilege to honor these teams and their contributions," notes Lisa Gray, Flight Test Historical Foundation chairperson. "The funds raised at this event will go directly toward helping us build a new museum outside the west gate of Edwards AFB, where all can learn about the history of flight test." "This is a great opportunity to meet with many of the people who helped make the Space Shuttle such a national treasure and global icon," notes event chairman Al Hoffman. "It should also be a memorable reunion for Space Shuttle team members from across the country."

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