

## NASA Marshall Center's Roy W. Malone Jr. Named Head of Safety and Mission Assurance

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Roy W. Malone Jr. has been named director of the Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. He assumes responsibility for planning and directing safety, reliability and quality assurance operations for Marshall programs and projects.

Malone has served as the directorate's deputy director since July 2002. During this time, he also completed a temporary assignment at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., where, from June 2003 to February 2004, he helped create and implement the NASA Engineering and Safety Center. Chartered in November 2004, the organization serves as an independent technical resource for NASA managers and employees.

Malone was manager of the Marshall Center's Logistics Services Department in the Center Operations Directorate from 1998 to July 2002. He was responsible for planning and directing logistics, technical and institutional support for Marshall research development and program management activities.

In 1997, he served as the Marshall Center's ISO 9000 audit manager and was responsible for implementing, managing and reporting on the Marshall Center's internal quality audit system. Malone started his NASA career in 1994 as a senior technical advisor in the Safety and Mission Assurance Shuttle Integration Office.

Before joining NASA, from 1991 to 1994, Malone was a senior quality engineer with PRC, Inc., of Huntsville. PRC, Inc. is an engineering and scientific support contractor providing safety, reliability and quality engineering services for the Safety and Mission Assurance Program at the Marshall Center.

Malone also served on active duty with the U.S. Navy from 1980 to 1991, including tours on three U.S. Navy destroyers, one of which included a tour as combat systems officer on the USS Caron during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He also spent two years at the Pentagon in Washington, where he served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. During his 10 years of service in the Naval Reserve, Malone completed assignments with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion in Huntsville; the Naval Tactical Training Group Atlantic in Virginia Beach, Va.; and the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. He retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve as a commander in September 2001.

During his NASA career, Malone has received numerous honors and awards, including a Space Flight Awareness Leadership Recognition Award in 2001. He received a NASA Certificate of Appreciation in 1999 for his role in Marshall's ISO 9000 registration and a Space Flight Awareness Launch Honoree Award in 1993. He also has received numerous Marshall Center Group Achievement Awards, Special Service Awards and Sustained Superior Performance Awards.

Malone's military awards include a Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement in 2002; a Navy Achievement Medal for outstanding professional achievement and leadership in 1996; five Navy Commendation Medals for outstanding achievement from 1983 to 1999, including one medal with the Combat Distinguishing Device for service during Operation Desert Storm; and a Joint Service Achievement Medal for distinguished performance of duties and meritorious achievement in 1987.

He has authored numerous technical papers and magazine articles on leadership.

A native of Virginia Beach, Malone received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1980 from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. He lives in Huntsville with his wife, the former June Spenner of Hoyleton, Ill., and their two children.