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**THIRTY-NINTH SPACE CONGRESS DATES SET,
EVENT WILL BE HELD APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 5, 2002**

Walter S. Yager of Lockheed Martin to serve as general chairman

PORT CANAVERAL, Fla., Oct. 2, 2001 – The dates have been set and the theme has been chosen. The 39th Space Congress will convene April 29 through May 3, 2002, at the Radisson Resort in Cape Canaveral under the general theme of “Beginning a New Era: Initiatives in Space.”

Serving as general chair of the 39th Space Congress, Walter S. Yager, vice president, launch operations for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company – Astronautics Operations, has assembled a strong planning committee. Under the sponsorship of Canaveral Council of Technical Societies (CCTS), the committee has already started to prepare for next year’s programs and events.

“Space Congress keeps getting better and better, and it will be hard to top this year’s outstanding program,” said Yager. “However, we are committed to continuing the enduring traditions of Space Congress and providing the strong technical content for which the event is known.”

Yager presently leads the Titan launch operations and common support groups at Lockheed Martin’s Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., operation. He has been associated with Lockheed Martin launch programs since 1985. Prior to that he served 26 years with the U.S. Air Force.

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Yager will be assisted by an Executive Committee of key chairs including vice chair Michael Wetmore, who is deputy director of Shuttle Processing at NASA Kennedy Space Center (KSC). Wetmore joined NASA in 1987 after 11 years with the U.S. Navy.

Serving as program chair is Brian Duffy, who is vice president and associate program manager of Lockheed Martin's Consolidated Space Operations Contract at KSC. Duffy is a former astronaut who is a veteran of four space shuttle missions, two as pilot and two as commander. He became a member of the Astronaut Corps in 1986, and retired from NASA and the U.S. Air Force in July 2001.

David E. Underwood, international affairs officer at Patrick AFB, Fla., is the Department of Defense chair. Underwood serves in the Plans and Programs Division at Patrick AFB and is the staff authority concerning all international agreements and treaties for the Eastern Space and Missile Range. He has been involved with Air Force space programs management since 1985.

The finance chair will be filled by Dr. Walter Koenig of SuperTel Networks of Melbourne, Fla. Koenig has been associated with the field of commercial satellite communications since 1968 and serves also as vice chair of Canaveral Council of Technical Societies.

Elinor D. Thaxton, is the 2001-2002 CCTS chair. She is a former teacher and technical editor and presently works as a consultant from her home. She was a long-time member of the local chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), and became a representative to CCTS from STC in 1993.

Rounding out the executive committee, Jeanne Hawkins will serve as the technical papers chair. Hawkins works in a joint Air Force/NASA office administering and providing technical and contractual insight of the 45th Space Wing's and KSC's Joint Base Operations and Support Contract (J-BOSC) in occupational medicine and environmental health.

The rest of the 39th Space Congress committee is listed:

Alternate General Chair: Craig McAlister, Lockheed Martin
Alternate Vice Chair: Ruth Harrison, NASA
Alternate DoD Chair: Sharon Rodriguez
CCTS Advisor: Ken Sheinkopf, Florida Solar Energy Center
CCTS Web Site: Wes Tracy
Exhibits Chair: Elaine Hall, Lockheed Martin

Exhibits Advisor: Betty Grumm
Technical Paper Vice Chair: Ken Newton, NASA, KSC
Technical Paper Advisor: Susan Hutchison, NASA
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Local Accommodation Chair: Jamie Gulbrand, NASA
Local Hospitality Chair: David Stanley, United Space Alliance
Local Hospitality Co-chair: Valerie Armour, United Space Alliance
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Science Fair Chair: Ginger Davis, Brevard School Board
Friday Education Program, Jane Mosconi, KSC
Publication Chair: David Severance, InDyne, Inc.
Tent Chair: Dennis Viera, Lockheed Martin
Alternate Tent Chair: Vanessa Haynes, Lockheed Martin
Golf Chair: William S. Bishop, United Space Alliance
Golf Vice Chair: Lisa Ulbricht, United Space Alliance
Space Congress Evaluation: Bill MacDonald
Recording Secretary: Amy Anthony, Lockheed Martin

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