

DCMA Aircraft Propulsion Operations — Hamilton Sundstrand Employee Receives Silver Snoopy Award

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Norman Fioroni, a Defense Contract Management Agency Aircraft Propulsion Operations quality assurance representative at Hamilton Sundstrand in Windsor Locks, Conn., was recognized with NASA's prestigious Silver Snoopy award.

Astronaut and Connecticut native Rick Mastracchio, a veteran of two space shuttle missions, personally presented the award during a June 3 all hands meeting. Fioroni received the award for his "above and beyond" dedication and contributions, ensuring quality and safety requirements were met in the development and implementation of NASA's human space flight programs.

The last 10 of Fioroni's more than 37 years of federal service have been with NASA. He has been a key member of the DCMA team supporting NASA and the Hamilton Sundstrand extravehicular mobility unit, or space suit, program, which is critical to safe space walk operations. Fiorini and his team work closely with Johnson Space Center, and their efforts have been crucial to the operational success of the program.

When it became necessary to implement systemic improvements

involving hardware control, Fioroni was first to respond. For example, there were no provisions for the shipment of hardware in less than complete condition, which inevitably would result in the delivery delay of flight critical components to JSC. Fioroni immediately and instinctively took action to prevent these delays. As a result, documentation and control procedures were established, ensuring accurate status and configuration accountability.

Fioroni's initiative provided for the shipment of less than a full ship set of hardware paying huge dividends to the extravehicular mobility unit program by reducing shipment times with absolutely no loss of quality oversight or degradation of safety. This was a daunting task for Fioroni, yet he succeeded beyond all expectations. [C](#)



First row, from left: John Panora, Capt. John Westerbeke, Norm Fioroni, Rick Mastracchio and Joe Kulina; back row, from left: Pete Leahy, Steve Davis, Lorna Dwyer, Carl Kulbaski, Dave Gauthier and John Ulshoeffler