

# Silver Snoopy Award Recipient



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**M**r. Rick Zundel, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) ATK Thiokol earned value management systems (EVMS) monitor, was recognized by both NASA and DCMA with a Silver Snoopy award for his contribution to the NASA EVMS program. The award was presented by astronauts Marine Corps Lt. Col. Charles Owen Hobaugh and Dr. Richard M. Linnehan.

Mr. Zundel's assistance to the program office in acquiring the proper software to ensure a seamless transfer of data to the customer was greatly appreciated by both the NASA and DCMA offices, as it allowed NASA to make timely and effective program decisions. Mr. Zundel also played a key role in assisting the NASA Reusable Solid Rocket Motor program offices at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., and Johnson Space Center in Houston in getting their EVMS up and running.

The prestigious Silver Snoopy award was created in 1968 following a NASA study that revealed the agency's need to create a symbol to increase public awareness of and emphasize flight safety and mission success. The study showed one possibility: Snoopy. Not only had the *Peanuts* character already shown his flight awareness by flying atop his doghouse in many cartoons, but he also had the national acceptance the agency sought. When *Peanuts* author Charles Schulz was approached by NASA, he agreed to allow NASA to use Snoopy, but only if he could draw the astronaut.



Employees of NASA as well as employees from other government agencies and industry who distinguish themselves in their work by contributing to the success of human space flight missions are eligible to receive the Silver Snoopy. Nominations are submitted by an employee's peers or management, and award winners are selected in compliance with criteria that ensure that the number of recipients represents less than one percent of the space program workforce. Individuals selected to receive the Silver Snoopy award are given a Silver Snoopy pin, a letter of commendation and a certificate presented by a member of the astronaut corps.

DCMA congratulates Mr. Zundel on this prestigious customer acknowledgment of his contributions to the program's success.

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**(Above)** Mr. Rick Zundel (left), DCMA ATK Thiokol EVMS monitor, receives his Silver Snoopy award pin from astronaut Marine Corps Lt. Col. Charles Owen Hobaugh.