

Aerodyne Industries' Ralph Rohloff, Randy Stalnaker inducted in Space Worker's Hall of Fame at banquet

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CAPE CANAVERAL — Two of Aerodyne's finest were among a talented class inducted into the National Space Club – Florida Committee's prestigious Space Worker Hall of Fame at the Celebrate Space Awards Banquet held Oct. 19 at the Radisson at the Port in Cape Canaveral.

Ralph Rohloff, director of command and control systems, and Randy Stalnaker, manager of information technology security, were honored in the category of "Space Launch Technology."

Both support NASA's Exploration Ground Systems Program on the Test and Operations Support Contract (TOSC) at Kennedy Space Center.

The Space Worker Hall of Fame honors those who have made significant contributions to Florida's Space Program. The duo join Aerodyne teammate James Taylor, who was inducted in 2016. Their names will be etched in granite this fall on the NSC pylon at the U.S. Space Walk of Fame in Titusville.

Rohloff began his career with Unisys before spending 14 years with United Space Alliance as director of system engineering technology and services supporting the Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs. He currently serves as program manager for Aerodyne and director of command and control systems on TOSC.

A master Black Belt and certified Project Management Professional with an MBA degree, Rohloff received NASA's Outstanding Public Leadership Medal in 2015.

He and his wife, Charlotte, live in Cocoa; they have three grown children: Matthew, Ryan and Victoria.

"It is an incredible and humbling honor to be recognized by National Space Club of Florida," said Rohloff. "I have been fortunate to have the help, support, and dedication of both my family and an incredible team since I started working at KSC."

He added, "I feel so blessed to have been able to be a small part of the TOSC IT Team and now the larger Command & Control Team, it is their hard work, ingenuity, and commitment to the program

that has made everything possible and they are the ones that truly deserve this award."

Stalnaker began his career at KSC in 1983 in the Launch Processing System where he supported Space Shuttle launches from the Firing Room. He moved into information technology security in 2000 for United Space Alliance, where he assessed all of the launch systems.

Stalnaker was honored with Aerodyne's President's Award in 2017 for his significant contributions in support of the ISS and Exploration Ground Systems Programs.

He lives in Rockledge with his wife, Gail, and they have three grown daughters.

"My father worked on the Apollo program and the Shuttle program and he instilled the love for the space program in the family," said Stalnaker. "Since coming to KSC in 1983, I have had the opportunity to work with some incredible people from the Launch Processing System team to the IT Security team there have been too many shining stars to count.

"I feel overwhelmed and out of my league to be associated with the people on this list. I sincerely thank all those that have mentored me, been an example, worked with me and propped me up during my time at KSC."

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Aerodyne Industries LLC is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business that was established in 2006 by CEO Andrew "Andy" Allen. The company is headquartered in Cape Canaveral, with a primary focus on serving NASA programs and resolving NASA's most challenging technical issues.

A seasoned business executive and program manager, Allen is a former Marine aviator who has logged more than 6,000 flight hours in more than 30 different aircraft. He is also a veteran NASA astronaut, Space Shuttle Pilot and Mission Commander.

Aerodyne Industries is a subcontractor on the TOSC at the Kennedy Space Center. The contract provides overall management and implementation of ground systems capabilities, flight hardware processing and launch operations at KSC. These tasks support the International Space Station, Exploration Ground Systems, the Space Launch System, Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle and Launch Services programs.

ABWA to host Holiday Celebration event Dec. 3

The American Business Women's Association Oceanside Charter Chapter will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Indian Harbour Beach. This will be the organization's annual Holiday Celebration. The featured speaker will be Dr. Gordon Patterson, master storyteller and professor at Florida Institute of Technology's School of Arts and Communication. He will present "Look Who's Coming to Dinner!" To make a reservation for this dinner meeting, visit www.abwaoceanside.com or email reservations@abwaoceanside.com.

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