Lockheed Martin To Celebrate Seventy-Five Years Of Applied Research And Development

A small south Jersey staple with a large global reach, Lockheed MartinAdvanced Technology Laboratories (ATL) will celebrate its 75th anniversary Oct. 3 through 7 with employee commemoratives, guest speakers, retiree reunion, and memorabilia.

The celebration will include viewings of old RCA television commercials, displays of retiree memorabilia, and presentations by Dr. Alexander B. Magoun and Fredrick O. Barnum. Magoun is executive director of the David Sarnoff Library in Princeton, NJ, and author of "David Sarnoff Research Center: RCA Labs to Sarnoff Corporation." Barnum is author of "His Master's Voice in America."

Magoun will overview the historical collaboration between the RCA Laboratory and ATL at noon, Oct. 4, and Barnum will overview the history of RCA and ATL's role in that legacy at noon on Oct. 7. Each presentation will last about 45 minutes with a question and answer period to follow.

Several RCA Cadets will join other retirees and employees on Oct. 7 at noon for lunch and cutting of the 75th anniversary cake. The Cadets were women hired to fill slots left vacant by engineers serving in the Armed Forces during WWII. After completing a 44-week crash course in engineering at Purdue University, the first Cadets graduated and joined RCA in 1944.

From its beginning in a surplus Army tent, ATL went on to master sound on film, help develop color television, and help put man on the moon to name a few, though its list of seminal accomplishments is as impressive as it is long. For example, ATL and Walt Disney received an Oscar for sound-on-film technology for the motion picture "Fantasia." Its rich heritage spans the very best technology traditions, beginning with RCA and later transitioning as General Electric in 1986, Martin Marietta in 1993, and then Lockheed Martin in 1995.

The Advanced Technology Laboratories today pioneers the frontiers of advanced computing technologies, like autonomy, network-centric operations, polymorphous computing and virtual prototyping. However, its mission remains the same - solve the toughest challenges and then transition enabling solutions to its government and Lockheed Martin partners. Work includes advanced computing solutions for the Aegis Weapons System, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and next-generation destroyer DD(X).

Headquartered in Bethesda, MD, Lockheed Martin employs about 130,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture and integration of advanced technology systems, products and services.

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