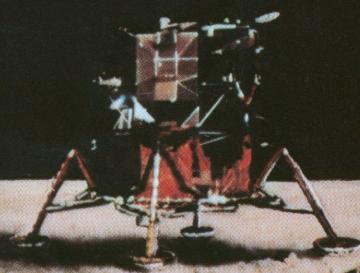




“...one small step...”



"THE EAGLE HAS LANDED"
4:18 P.M. e.d.t.
July 20, 1969
Mare Tranquillitatis

Presented to:

D. Jose Manuel Iglesia Rios

in recognition of your role as an active participant on the team that engineered, designed, implemented, and operated the Manned Space Flight and NASCOM Networks in such a manner that the almost impossible task of supporting the Apollo 11 mission—the first landing of man on the lunar surface and his safe return to earth—was made to appear routine.

The deep motivation and cooperation displayed in the performance of these diversified duties, characterized by high quality, attention to detail, coordination, and alertness under pressure, provided the Apollo 11 astronauts with a totally integrated and reliable tracking/data acquisition/communications system meeting their total requirements—a feat of which we all can be extremely proud.

The dedication, awareness, and vigilance you have displayed in the past will ensure the kind of performance we have enjoyed in support of all Apollo missions up to this point. The challenge to be really ready to support every manned mission is one to which we must rise, for the lives and safety of the astronauts depend upon our successful performance.

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Metal comprising actual working components of the spacecraft *Eagle*, which landed on the lunar surface, and the spacecraft *Columbia*, which orbited the moon, was used in processing this medallion.

From the Eagle—a clamp whose function was to fasten the pulley system used to haul the lunar rocks from the surface of the moon into the ascent stage for return to the Lunar Laboratory on earth. The rest of the pulley system still remains on the moon at Tranquility Base.

From the Columbia—a bolt whose function was to tie down the heat shield which protected the astronauts during the fiery reentry into the earth's atmosphere.

These parts were delivered to the Manned Flight Awareness Office for the specific purpose of providing a tangible memento to the ground support team.



For the first time
Man has reached beyond his planet.

For the rest of time
we will think of ourselves as men
from the planet Earth.

