**John Hirasaki (NASA)**

**MQF Technician (Apollo 11)**

John graduated from Lamar University in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He joined NASA in 1966 and was assigned to the development of the Mobile Quarantine Facility (MQF). As such, he oversaw most of the design qualification testing for its operational functionality.

For the Apollo 11 mission served as the Recovery Engineer inside the MQF.

After the spacecraft was brought aboard the Hornet, John retrieved the lunar sample containers that held the moon rocks so they could be immediately flown to Johnson Space Center. In the MQF, he chatted occasionally with the 3 astronauts while preparing their meals, setting up telephone links, manipulating the extensive trailer control systems, etc. The 3-day period spent inside the MQF by the Apollo 11 crew allowed them to relax from the rigors of the flight and maintain a degree of isolation from the media coverage and worldwide clamor.

For the Apollo 12 and Apollo 14 missions, John was a supporting Recovery Engineer outside of the MQF. The use of the MQF was suspended after the Apollo 14 mission because no evidence of lunar pathogens or contamination was found.