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A MEMOIR OF MARSHA FREEMAN, SPACE HISTORIAN

**Abstract**

Marsha Freeman was a noted space historian and a long-time member of the IAF History Committee. Marsha wrote three major books, "How We Got To The Moon: The Story of the German Space Pioneers", "Challenges of Human Space Exploration," dealing with the science on the Shuttle-MIR program, and "Krafft Ehrlicke's Extraterrestrial Imperative", a collection of writings by the famous space engineer with a lengthy biographical introduction by Mrs. Freeman. She had also been instrumental in preserving the archives of Krafft Ehrlicke, which, thanks to her efforts, are now available at the Air and Space Museum in Virginia. In addition, over the period of her professional life, she has authored hundreds of articles on space and space exploration, including a major study of the space programs in Latin America. Her "Challenges" book received a positive commendation from the Chief Medical Officer at NASA Headquarters. Towards the end of her life, although suffering from the effects of Parkinson's disease, she also authored a study of the Chinese lunar program which was published in 2021 by the China Aerospace Studies Institute at the National Defense University. Marsha was also named in the 1985 edition of "Who's Who in Frontier Science and Technology." Marsha was an active member of the IAF History Committee, making numerous presentations at the IAC each year and serving in an active role on the committee. She also edited Volume 37 of the "History of Rocketry and Astronautics."