FORECAST OF UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES -- JUNE 2020

75 Years Ago - 1945
June 27: First rocket launched from Wallops. Five 3.25-inch rockets were fired to check tracking and radar measuring and gain launch experience.

70 Years Ago – 1950

60 Years Ago – 1960
June 22: Transit 2-A and Solrad 1 were launched by Thor at 1:54 a.m., EDT, Cape Canaveral, Fla. This was the first multiple payload launched into multiple orbits.

June 29: Discoverer 12 failed to achieve orbit, 6:01 p.m., EDT, Vandenberg AFB. Thor Agena rocket used.

55 Years Ago - 1965
June 3: Gemini Titan 4 launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. at 11:16 a.m., EDT. Astronauts James A. McDivitt and Edward H. White aboard the Gemini 4 spacecraft. White makes the first U.S. extravehicular excursion 4 hours and 18 minutes into the flight.

June 8: Luna 6 Launch (Soviet Moon Flyby)
June 18: First launch of the Titan 3C launch vehicle from the Cape Canaveral, Fla.

50 Years Ago - 1970
June 1: Soyuz 9 launched from Baikonur cosmodrome, USSR. Cosmonauts Andrian G. Nikolayev and Vitali I. Sevastyanov.

June 2: First M2-F3 glide flight, with William H. Dana as the pilot, DFRF, CA.

45 Years Ago - 1975
June 8: Venera 9 Launch (Soviet Venus Orbiter/Lander) Aboard a Proton K launcher from Baikonur.


June 21: OSO 8 launched at 7:43 a.m., EDT, Cape Canaveral, Fla.

40 Years Ago – 1980
June 5: The Soviet Union’s first crewed Soyuz T capsule, incorporating an automatic docking system, was launched into orbit.

35 Years Ago - 1985
June 17: STS-51G (Space Shuttle Discovery) was launched from KSC at 7:33 a.m., EDT. Crew: Daniel C. Brandenstein, John O. Creighton, Shannon W. Lucid, John M. Fabian, Steven R. Nagel, Patrick Baudry (France), and Sultan Al-Saud (from Saudi Arabia - first Arab in space). On the 17th Morelos-A was launched, Arabsat IB launched on the 18th, and the next day Telstar 3D was shoved into orbit. Spartan 1 was launched on the 20th and retrieved from orbit and returned on the 24th. Landed at Edwards AFB, CA 6:13 a.m., PDT. Mission Duration: 7 days, 1 hour, and 38 minutes.

June 30: Intelsat V A F-11 launched aboard Delta, 8:44 p.m., EDT, Cape Canaveral, Fla.
30 Years Ago - 1990
June 1: ROSAT (Roentgen Satellite) launched onboard a Delta II launch vehicle, 5:47 p.m., EDT, Cape Canaveral, Fla.. Cooperative effort between the U.S., U.K. and the Federal Republic of Germany.

June 12: INSAT 1D launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. by a Delta at 5:52 UTC.

June 23: Intelsat 6 F-4 launched by a Titan 3 at 7:19 a.m., EDT, from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

25 Years Ago – 1995
June 27: STS-71 (Space Shuttle Atlantis) launched at 3:32 p.m. EDT. First Shuttle-Mir docking. Crew: Robert L.Gibson, Charles J. Precourt, Ellen S.Baker, Gregory J. Harbaugh, Bonnie J. Dunbar, Anatoly Y.Solovyev (Russia), and Nikolai M.Budarin (Russia). Landing: July 7, 1995, 10:54 a.m. EDT, Kennedy Space Center, Fla. (KSC).
Mission Duration: 9 days, 19 hours, 23 minutes.

20 Years Ago – 2000
June 30: TDRS 8, an American Tracking and Data Relay was launched by an Atlas 2A rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla. at about 13:00 UTC and was placed in geosynchronous orbit.

10 Years Ago – 2010
June 15: Soyuz-TMA 19 was launched to the ISS from Baikonur Cosmodrome with a Soyuz FG rocket at 21:35 UTC. Expedition 24 Crew: NASA astronauts Doug Wheelock and Shannon Walker; Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin.