Journey to Mars.

For the complete story, go to http://go.nasa.gov/1ITpVub.

Astronomers are using NASA's Hubble Space Telescope to study auroras — stunning light shows in a planet's atmosphere — on the poles of the largest planet in the solar system, Jupiter. For the complete story, go to http://go.nasa.gov/1k2WzS4.

The mission will study Bennu, a near-Earth asteroid that is about one-third of a mile across. OSIRIS-REx will bring a small sample back to Earth for study. As planned, the spacecraft will reach its asteroid target in 2018 and return a sample to Earth in 2023. http://go.nasa.gov/17o8rRk

Full and accurate forecasts and warnings. http://go.nasa.gov/1YubP2g

I am the deputy manager for the Orion Production Operations Office within the Orion Program. Orion Production Operations is responsible for overseeing the production of the Orion spacecraft for the Exploration Mission 1 launching in 2018. My Kennedy career started in 1989 with the historical Spacelab Program as a "hands-on" fluid systems engineer. Spacelab was where I received my dose of engineering touch labor on flight hardware as a young engineer fresh out of college.

From June 1996, I worked with the International Space Station Program, and in 2000, I became an ISS mission manager where I managed a Mission Processing Team that processed the ISS flight hardware from Kennedy delivery to launch and post-mission processing. I will always treasure the intensity and teamwork within the Launch Control Center firing room during launch countdown and the post-launch beans and cornbread.

I transferred to the Orion Program in 2007. My current position is truly inspiring and challenging as I live my dream building America's next generation deep-space crew exploration vehicle. Looking back at my unique "payloads" career at Kennedy, I realize how fortunate I've been to be a member and contributor to the U.S. Space Program from Spacelab, International Space Station and now Orion. Kennedy is one of the best kept secrets where you do live your dreams.