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00:00:12,220 --> 00:00:04,150
Music

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00:00:12,240 --> 00:00:16,270
For someone who learned to drive a Model T car, to someone who saw

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00:00:16,290 --> 00:00:20,390
the space shuttle and saw a man landing on the moon,

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00:00:20,410 --> 00:00:24,540
there's really no words to explain my time at Goddard.

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00:00:24,560 --> 00:00:28,560
Hello, my name's Alberta Moran. I've worked at Goddard

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00:00:28,580 --> 00:00:32,590
for forty plus years, both as an employee and a volunteer.

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00:00:32,610 --> 00:00:36,620
I came to Washington D.C. during World War II.

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00:00:36,640 --> 00:00:40,660
Worked for the Post Office Department as a GS-1

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00:00:40,680 --> 00:00:44,710
making \$1,440 a year.

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00:00:44,730 --> 00:00:48,770
Well, at the Post Office Department, I was detailed

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00:00:48,790 --> 00:00:52,840
to the White House and then I was recruited to work

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00:00:52,860 --> 00:00:57,020
at the Beltsville Space Center. It was only Beltsville Space Center for

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about two weeks and it became the Goddard Space Flight Center.

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I worked for the director for forty something years and as his

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Administrative Assistant; he insisted I also

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work for the 5,000 employees that was here.

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00:01:13,300 --> 00:01:17,370

And I reviewed all the letters and packages that had to go out

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from Goddard. I believe one of the more interesting and proud moments

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of my career here at Goddard was being the International

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Coordinator. I got to meet President Nixon,

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and we had like, Mrs. Goddard was here very often.

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We even had Star Trek here, the whole crew, which was fun.

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And um... well let's see, I am still here for several reasons.

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The people are really great and in the early days of Goddard, we were

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a family and you know, you don't just divorce your family when

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you get older or retire. So, I came back to volunteer at the

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Visitor Center and I still do the Maryland Space Business Roundtable.

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Many times a student will ask me, well,

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can we work at NASA? I am not a scientist. You don't have to be a

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scientist, an engineer, a mathematician. The main thing is you

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have to decide what is in the future for you, what do you

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really want to do and then go after it.