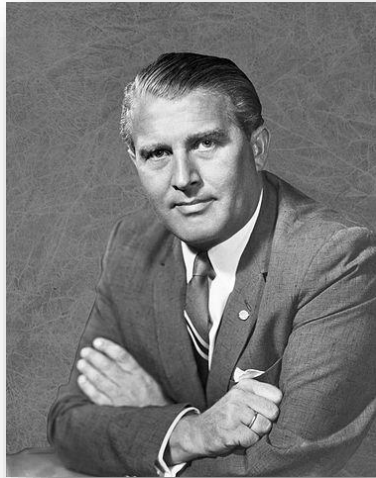


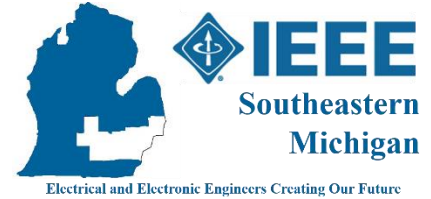
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"Wernher von Braun"**



Wernher von Braun was a German-American aerospace engineer and space architect. He was a member of the Nazi Party and Allgemeine SS, and the leading figure in the development of rocket technology in Nazi Germany, later a pioneer of rocket and space technology in the USA.

He helped design and co-developed the V-2 rocket during World War II, which became the first artificial object to travel into space on 20 June 1944. Following the war, he was secretly moved to the United States, along with about 1,600 other German scientists, engineers, and technicians, as part of Operation Paperclip. He worked for the US Army on a missile program, and developed the rockets that launched the USA's first space satellite Explorer 1 in 1958.

In 1960, his group was assimilated into NASA, where he served as director of the Marshall Space Flight Center and as the chief architect of the Saturn V that propelled the Apollo spacecraft to the Moon. In 1967, von Braun was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering, and in 1975, he received the National Medal of Science. He is also sometimes described by others as the "father of space travel", the "father of rocket science", or the "father of the American lunar program".



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