A June 24, 2017 Event of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum

A 50th Commemorative Astronaut Celebration, June 30, 1967—2017

Major Robert Lawrence, USAF & NASA Manned Orbiting Laboratory

From the four-page program document of the event:

**50th Commemorative Celebration**

- John B. Charles, PhD, Presiding Officer (NASA Johnson Space Center)
- Honoring Major Robert Lawrence (October 2, 1935 —December 8, 1967), First African American Astronaut (assigned to an active flight program)
- [Major Robert Henry Lawrence] “…After many years of relative obscurity, his achievements, dedication and sacrifices for the nation were finally recognized on December 8, 1997, when his name was inscribed on the Astronaut Space Mirror Memorial at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.”

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