

# A 60-year March for Science

by Ken Kozy

60 years ago, in 1957, my interest in science awakened during 3<sup>rd</sup> year of High School in Chicago. I just had read the fascinating story of Marie Sklodowska-Curie, a famous Polish-born scientist who was awarded 2 Noble Prizes for her work with Radium and new elements. So, I entered a local Physics Science Fair contest and was thrilled to win based upon a simple science experiment and demonstration project about atomic radiation.

At first my family was supportive, but later wanted me “to stop fooling around with that stuff – too dangerous.” That year, the world entered the Russian Sputnik-era; soon in the next year, America’s NASA was created for space exploration. These were exciting times for science.

My parents overheard me enthusiastically talking on our home telephone to a really smart high school friend who wanted to test and launch rockets into space; they grounded me and that idea.

So, instead of the University of Chicago where I wanted to study science, they required I follow in my brother’s footsteps and go into accounting and business school at the University of Illinois. I had found High School Basic Accounting too easy and boring, but I had no choice. So, I told them I would study numbers, Mathematics – because it was related to accounting and business.

However, their social agenda for me required I join my brother’s social fraternity. From then on, there was not enough time to study and focus on difficult math or science; I barely graduated the U of I – not being smart enough to handle it all.

After graduation, they were happy I joined IBM, a big computer company, in business systems design. So, there was peace in the family while I worked on business computers. Like every man in our family I patriotically joined the armed forces – but wound up

in the US Air Force Reserves computer accounting area.

I never got back into science or space exploration during those exciting space-age times. Later, I financed myself thru the University of Chicago for a Master’s degree, but could only qualify for the MBA program – in the “business” area again. Later, with different companies as a Project Manager, I always was assigned to the “business” side of the profession.

About 10 years ago, after retiring from a business/computer career, I wrote some technical-oriented eArticles to present at World Congresses for Project Managers; then I placed them on my internet web site. I am careful not to allow any “business” or commercial ads there. All my writings are free and downloadable – sort of a pay-back to the profession.

Suddenly last year, an unexpected opportunity was offered by NASA; they requested creative works from anyone in the world to place into their spacecraft, OSIRIS-REx. I sent them my new eBook about the Christmas Nativity and some space exploration ideas, which they downloaded into to a memory chip of their spacecraft being sent into outer space. It was a miracle! They also accepted creative material from over 7,000 other people.

We witnessed the NASA spacecraft launch on September 8, 2016; it has now travelled over 370 million miles into space. After its asteroid sampling and return mission completes seven years from now, the satellite will orbit the Sun for millennia as a time capsule – until someone in the future decides to check out what’s aboard. What a blessing and honor to be able to offer this eBook to future generations.

It has been a science dream come true! Gratefully, Mary, my wife, edited the writings and encouraged me. (For the free eBook and a launch video, go to the internet: [www.KenKozy.com](http://www.KenKozy.com) and click the tab: “eBook NASA Launch.”)

Recently, I found another potential opportunity to place meaningful electronic material into a NASA spacecraft. This time, I am proposing to include the electronic text and images of what were voted the three most influential eDocuments of our USA Heritage:

- the Declaration of Independence,
- the Constitution (along with the Bill of Rights and other amendments), and
- the Inaugural Bible used by George Washington for his first oath of office as President of the United States of America.

Encouraged again by my wife, I prepared the Notice of Intent to submit a formal proposal to NASA who is seeking material and experiments for their future satellite, NSTP-Sat. Yes, my proposal is prompted by patriotic feelings. These are justified because our USA government and we taxpayers have generously funded NASA and its predecessor organization with billions and billions of dollars since their creation over 60 years ago. The scientific discoveries and results from NASA have benefited everyone in the world.

These eDocuments are a tribute to the guiding principles and people that have made possible the freedoms and a strong economy which we still enjoy in this USA. Hopefully, the eDocuments on the spacecraft can offer far-away, future generations the opportunity to read, understand and apply these ideas.

Hope you enjoy my web-page which describes this proposal and the eDocuments, text, images, photos, audio-video, references, and LINKS. (View them on the internet at: [www.KenKozy.com](http://www.KenKozy.com) and click the tab: "USA eDocs.")

For me, it's been a 60-year March For Science; and there is still a long way to go. Let's join together in mind and spirit for our "March For Science" this year during "Earth Day". Remember Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution: "To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts..."

Also, let's remember to always encourage young boys and girls as well as young-at-heart men and

women to follow their dreams of contributing to science.

God bless America, a land of good people, principles and opportunities.

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*References*

**NASA**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NASA>

**OSIRIS-Rex (Spacecraft)**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OSIRIS-REx>

**Earth Day:** worldwide annual celebration, April 22.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Day)

The **March for Science** (also known as the Scientists' March on Washington) is a series of rallies and marches held in Washington, D.C. and in over 600 cities across the world on April 22, 2017.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March\\_for\\_Science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_for_Science)

**Music: USA National Anthem**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Star-Spangled\\_Banner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Star-Spangled_Banner)

**America the Beautiful**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/America\\_the\\_Beautiful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/America_the_Beautiful)

**Hail, Columbia**

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