

EAA106 program:

Hidden Figures - the story behind the story



By **Dr. Bill Barry**, former **USAF** pilot, and recently (until summer 2020) **NASA** Chief Historian

FRI eve, December 11 (zoom link below)

6:30 pm – Open mic camaraderie

7:00 pm – Quick chapter update, then our program

About the movie:

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. **Based on the unbelievably true life stories of three of these women, known as "human computers"**, we follow these women as they quickly rose the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return. The movie was based on the book "**Hidden Figures: The Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race**" by Margot Lee Shetterly.

About our SPEAKER: **Dr. Bill Barry**



Dr. Bill Barry is an independent historian. He retired from NASA in summer 2020 after serving as Chief Historian for a decade. Bill began his career at NASA in 2001 working in the international relations office at Headquarters. Later he served as the NASA European Representative at the United States Embassy in Paris, before being selected as Chief Historian. A graduate, with honors, of the United States Air Force Academy (1979), Bill served in the Air Force for 22 years as a pilot and professor at the Academy. He also holds a Masters Degree from Stanford University (1987) and a Doctorate from Oxford University (1996).

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