



Niagara Frontier Section

Western New York, Southeast Ontario and Quebec

Webinar, Thursday July 15th, 7:00 PM EST

HEXAGON, the Spy Satellite that Helped Win the Cold War



Of the three highly classified, above top secret spy satellite programs of the 60s, 70s, and 80s, HEXAGON was the greatest of them all. The size of a school bus and requiring a massive Titan IIID booster for launch, HEXAGON combined the wide angle imaging of CORONA with resolution approaching that of GAMBIT. Please join us this month when three HEXAGON veterans share their perspective on this fantastic technical achievement that helped change the course of history.

– Retired Air Force **Colonel Phil Datema** managed the HEXAGON Payload Program, having previously served as the GAMBIT in-plant representative at Kodak in Rochester during his first NRO assignment. He will discuss HEXAGON from a program manager’s perspective, highlighting system capabilities and engineering trades.

– **Mr. R. Evans Hineman** was Deputy Director for Science and Technology of the CIA and Director of Program B (CIA-directed efforts) in the NRO from July 1982 to September 1989. He will focus on how HEXAGON served the intelligence community from the standpoint of an analyst of Soviet long range weapon systems.

– Retired Air Force **Major General Robert “Rosie” Rosenberg**, will weave the story of the HEXAGON program through his Air Force career, initially as a young CORONA and GAMBIT “targeteer,” then HEXAGON software developer, acting Director of the NRO Staff, and finally as Commander of the Defense Mapping Agency.

Pre-registration is required. Use this link <https://tinyurl.com/2svtjzrr> to register and receive your invitation to attend on the 15th.