



THE 2008
U. S. ASTRONAUT HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY

H O N O R I N G

JOHN E. BLAHA ROBERT D. CABANA

BRYAN D. O'CONNOR LOREN J. SHRIVER



Many current members of the U. S. Astronaut Hall of Fame are on hand today to help induct four more heroes into their ranks – and they join us in welcoming you to this very special occasion.

Congratulations to all the accomplished veterans of America's space program, who have inspired a nation in its quest for knowledge and understanding of the universe.

Master of Ceremonies – John Zarrella, CNN

Speakers for Ceremony:

Daniel LeBlanc - Chief Operating Officer, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

William W. Parsons - Director, Kennedy Space Center

Chris Scolese - Associate Administrator, NASA

Al Worden - ASF Chairman, Apollo 15 Astronaut

Presentation of Medals to the Induction Class of 2008

Charlie Bolden, *Presents Loren Shriver*

Brewster Shaw, *Presents Bryan O'Connor*

Frederick Gregory, *Presents John Blaha*

Michael Coats, *Presents Robert Cabana*

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SATURDAY, MAY 3

10:00a - 10:30a Six-time Space Shuttle and Hall of Fame Astronaut **Story Musgrave public presentation** in Astronaut Encounter Theater

10:45a - 11:45a Five-time Space Shuttle and Hall of Fame Astronaut **Robert "Hoot" Gibson public autograph session** in NASA Central

1:00p - 1:45p Four-time Space Shuttle and Hall of Fame Astronaut **Bob Crippen public autograph session** at Apollo/Saturn V Center

3:00p **Induction Ceremony at the Apollo/Saturn V Center (along the tour route - visitors should depart the bus boarding area no later than 2:15)**

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of John Blaha, Robert Cabana, Bryan O'Connor and Loren Shriver.

Reserved seating is for visitors who purchased the Induction Weekend ticket package.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

10:00a - 11:00a Apollo 14 and Hall of Fame Astronaut **Ed Mitchell book signing** in NASA Central

11:00a - Noon Three-time Space Shuttle and Hall of Fame Astronaut **Henry Hartsfield autograph session** in NASA Central

* Please note that all book and autograph signings are for the allotted time only. Astronauts that are conducting book signings will be autographing books only. Please do not bring additional items. In consideration for others, only one item per person permitted at all signings. Books will be available for purchase onsite at the Space Shop prior to each signing. Astronaut schedules are subject to change.

John E. BLAHA

(Colonel, USAF, Ret.) became an astronaut in 1980 and over the span of 17 years flew on five Space Shuttle missions and one long-duration Space Station flight. He first piloted Discovery on STS-29, the third flight following the tragic loss of Challenger. His second flight was as pilot of STS-33, which was only the third night launch in Space Shuttle history. He served as commander on his third and fourth missions. During STS-43, the crew deployed satellites and conducted experiments supporting the development of the Extended Duration Orbiter and Space Station. STS-58 saw a record 14-day life science research mission recognized by NASA management as the most successful and efficient Spacelab flight. He launched on his final mission aboard STS-79, which docked to the Russian Mir Space Station, setting an American man's space record for time in space during his four months on orbit. He retired from NASA in 1997 and joined the Executive Management Group of the United Services Automobile Association (USAA).



Robert D. CABANA

(Colonel, USMC, Ret.) flew four Space Shuttle missions, including commander of the first mission to dock with the International Space Station (ISS). He piloted Discovery on his first flight, STS-41, deploying the Ulysses spacecraft, which is still in operation around the Sun. His second flight as a pilot, STS-53, was a Department of Defense mission. He commanded STS-65, during which he and his crew set a record for the longest Space Shuttle mission while conducting the second International Microgravity Laboratory mission. His fourth and final flight was as commander of STS-88, the first ISS assembly mission carrying the first U.S. built module, Unity, and mating it with the Russian's Zarya Control Module to form the basis of the station. He has served as Deputy Chief of NASA's Aircraft Operations Division, Chief of the Astronaut Office, Johnson Space Center's Deputy Director and is currently the Director of NASA's Stennis Space Center.



Bryan D. O'CONNOR

(Colonel, USMC, Ret.) flew two Space Shuttle missions including serving as pilot on STS-61B, the second-ever night Space Shuttle launch, deploying four satellites and testing the assembly of structures in space. He was then commander of STS-40, the first shuttle mission dedicated to life science studies, performing an extensive series of biomedical experiments. He left NASA to become commanding officer of the Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval Air Test Center, and within a year returned to become the Deputy Associate Administrator for Space Flight. He led the redesign of the Space Station and was named acting Space Station Program Director and Space Shuttle Director before leaving to serve as an aerospace consultant. In 2002, he again rejoined NASA, this time as Associate Administrator, Office of Safety and Mission Assurance. In 2004, his title changed to Chief, Safety and Mission Assurance, reflecting his office's responsibility for the safety, reliability, maintainability and quality assurance of all NASA programs.



Loren J. **SHRIVER**

(Colonel, USAF, Ret.) was selected as an astronaut with the first class of Space Shuttle astronauts in 1978. He first flew as pilot of STS-51C, a classified Department of Defense mission. On his second flight, he commanded a crew of five on STS-31, which deployed the Hubble Space Telescope, beginning its nearly 20 years of service imaging the universe. His third and last flight was as commander on STS-46, deploying the European Retrievable Carrier (EURECA) satellite and conducting the first Tethered Satellite System (TSS) test flight, a joint project between NASA and the Italian Space Agency. He has served as Vice President of Engineering and Integration Chief Technology Officer as well as Vice President and Deputy Program Manager at United Space Alliance (USA) and was previously Deputy Director of Kennedy Space Center from 1997-2000.



A T T E N D I N G A S T R O N A U T S

Charles Bolden

Charles Duke

Jeffrey Hoffman

Vance Brand

Gordon Fullerton

Jack Lousma

Dan Brandenstein

Owen Garriott

Edgar Mitchell

Scott Carpenter

Robert "Hoot" Gibson

Story Musgrave

Michael Coats

Frederick Gregory

Brewster Shaw

Richard Covey

Henry Hartsfield

Al Worden

Robert Crippen

Rick Hauck

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