

INTRODUCTION FOR ASTRONAUT RICK SEARFOSS

As an astronaut with three space missions, Colonel Rick Searfoss shares with only a handful of people in history some of the most unique human experiences possible. In his career he has led a vast array of different teams, culminating in commanding the most complex science research space mission ever, the STS-90 Neurolab flight.

Prior to becoming an astronaut Colonel Searfoss was a fighter pilot and test pilot in the United States Air Force, with over 5400 hours flying time in 61 different types of aircraft. He was also the number one graduate in his U.S. Air Force Academy class and completed a master's degree at the California Institute of Technology on a National Science Foundation Fellowship.

Beyond the unique and richly rewarding professional experiences he's enjoyed, Rick's incredibly supportive wife and three daughters keep him focused on what's truly important - faith, family and service beyond self. His varied outside interests include running, backpacking, model airplanes, soccer, science fiction, and classical music.

Please join me in welcoming Astronaut Rick Searfoss.