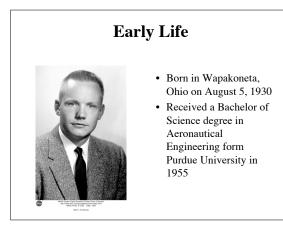


# Neil Armstrong

First Man on the Moon



### **Early Military Career**

- Served as a naval aviator • from 1949-1952
- Joined the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) which later became NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- · Served as a research pilot at NASA's Flight Research Center at Edwards AFB, CA



## **Experimental Pilot**



#### • Was the project pilot on the X-15 aircraft, the first plane to fly 4000 mph

Has flown over 200 different models of aircraft, including jets, rockets, helicopters, and gliders

#### **Astronaut Armstrong**



#### Transferred to astronaut status in 1962 and commanded the Gemini 8 mission which performed the first successful docking of two vehicles in space

## Lunar Mission

- Commanded Apollo 11, the first manned lunar mission
- First man to land an aircraft on the moon and first to step on the moon's surface



#### After NASA



- Served as a Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Cincinnati
- Is currently the Chairman of the Board of AIL systems in New York, an electronic systems company.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- Has been decorated by 17 countries
- Presidential Medal of Freedom winner
- Congressional Space Medal of Honor
- Explorer's Club Medal
- Goddard Memorial Trophy
- NASA Distinguished Service Medal
- Harmon International Aviation Trophy
- And dozens more