



Robert L. Crippen CAPT USN (Ret.)
"Crip"

Date of Designation: November 1961

Dates of Active Duty: June 1960 - January 1990

Total Flight Hours: 6,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 268

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 6,260 Prop: 173 VF/VA: 810

VT: 320 Other: Rocket: 564 NASA

Combat Tours: None

Aviation Commands: None

NASA:

Shuttle Columbia STS-1 April 1981

Shuttle Challenger STS-7 June 1983

Shuttle Challenger STS-41C April 1984

Shuttle Challenger STS-41G October 1984

Flight Performance Awards:

Congressional Space Medal of Honor

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Navy Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Superior Service Medal

2 Defense Meritorious Service Medal

2 NASA Distinguished Service Medal

NASA Leadership Medal

NASA Exceptional Service Medal

NASA Public Service Medal

Goddard Memorial Trophy

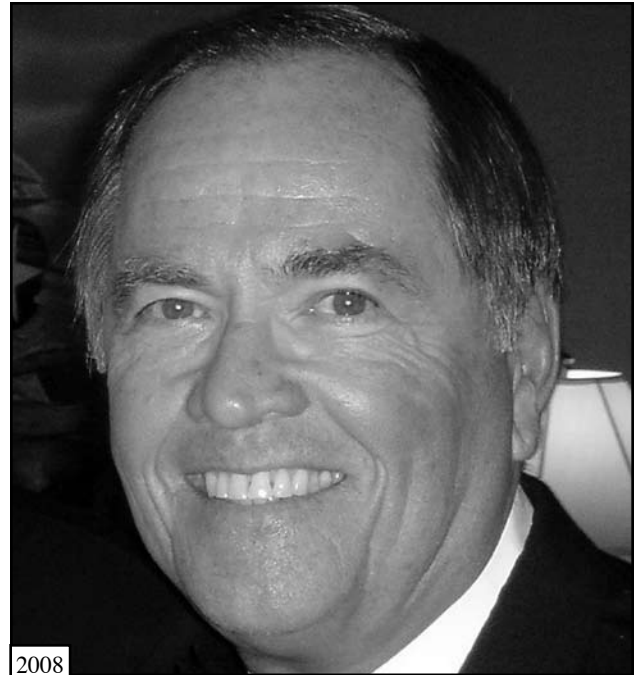
Harmon Trophy

SETP Ivan C. Kincheloe Award

SETP J. H. Doolittle Award

American Society Flight Achievement Award

Astronaut Hall of Fame



Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/60-9/60 Aviation Officer Candidate, NAS Pensacola
9/60-11/61 Navy Flight Training, NAS
Saufley, Whiting, Beeville, (T-34B, T-28B/C,
F9F, F11F).
- 12/61-6/62 VA-43 RAG, NAS Oceana (A4).
6/62-11/64 VA-72, NAS Oceana/CVA 62 (A4).
12/64/5/67 USAF Aerospace Research Pilot School,
Edwards AFB, Test Pilot Student (65),
Academic & Flight Test Instructor (66),
Manned Orbiting Laboratory Student (67),
(T-33A, T-38A, F-106A/B, F-104A/B/D,
B-26, B-47E, B-57E, NF-100F, H-13).
- 6/67-8/69 Astronaut, Manned Orbiting Laboratory
Program, Los Angeles AFS (T-33A, T-38A).
- 8/69-1/90 Astronaut, NASA Johnson Space Center,
(T-33A, T-38A, C-135A, B-47, G-IV,
OV101 Columbia, OV 99 Challenger).
- 1/90-1/92 Director Space Shuttle Program (SES 6),
NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC.
- 1/92-1/95 Director Kennedy Space Center, Kennedy
Space Center, FL.
- 3-95-11/96 VP Simulation Systems, Lockheed Martin,
Orlando, FL.
- 12/96-4/01 President, Thiokol Propulsion, Brigham
City, Utah.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) First squadron tour was with VA-72 on East Coast deployments to Mediterranean, North Sea & Caribbean. Deployed off Gitmo during Cuban Missile Crisis.
- (2) Reported to AF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB with Chuck Yeager as the Commandant. Was selected

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

in the second group of Astronauts for the DOD Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL), a classified military 30 day mission in space. Remained as an

instructor at the School until receiving my clearance for the program. Then reported to Los Angeles working on MOL development. The program was canceled in June, 1969 after which seven of the MOL Astronauts, including myself, were reassigned to the NASA Astronaut Office.

- (3) Served as a Support Astronaut for all of the Skylab missions and the Apollo Soyuz Test Project with the Russians. Flew the first orbital Shuttle flight (STS-1) aboard Columbia with John Young. Commanded three Shuttle mission aboard Challenger, STS-7, STS-41C & STS-41G. Assigned as Commander of first Shuttle mission from Vandenberg AFB which never flew due to the Challenger accident.
- (4) Following the accident, served as Dep. Director of Space Shuttle Program working on return to flight. Retired as Capt. in January 1990 and entered government service as an SES 6 serving as Director Space Shuttle and then Director Kennedy Space Center.
- (5) Retired in January 1995 from government and worked as VP Simulation Systems for Lockheed Martin and then as President of Thiokol Propulsion until retirement in April 2005.