

Meet the Artemis crew

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None of the four astronauts making NASA's next lunar leap were alive during NASA's storied Apollo program that sent 24 astronauts to the moon including 12 moonwalkers.

They won't land on the moon this time or even orbit it, but the out-and-back journey will take them thousands of miles deeper into space than even the Apollo astronauts ventured, promising unprecedented views of the lunar far side.

Here's a look at the Artemis astronauts whose mission aims to pave the path for future moon landings:

REID WISEMAN

Commander

Leading the nearly 10-day mission is a widower who considers solo parenting — not rocketing to the moon — his biggest and most rewarding challenge.

Wiseman, 50, a retired Navy captain from Baltimore, was serving as NASA's chief astronaut when asked three years ago to lead humanity's first lunar trip since 1972. His wife Carroll's death from cancer in 2020 gave him pause.

He'd spent more than five months at the International Space Station in 2014 and his two teenage daughters, especially the older one, had "zero interest" in him launching again.

"We talked about it and I said, 'Look, of all the people on planet Earth right now, there are four people that are in a position to go fly around the moon,'" he said. "I cannot say no to that opportunity."

The next day, homemade moon



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Artemis 2 crew members are, from left, Mission Spc. Jeremy Hansen, Mission Spc. Christina Koch, Commander Reid Wiseman and Pilot Victor Glover.

cupcakes awaited him, along with his daughters' support. The toughest part isn't leaving them — "it's the stress that I'm putting on them," he said.

VICTOR GLOVER

Pilot

As one of NASA's few Black astronauts, Glover sees his presence on the mission as "a force for good."

The 49-year-old Navy captain and former combat pilot from Pomona, California, makes it a habit to listen to Gil Scott-Heron's "Whitey on the Moon" and Marvin Gaye's "Make Me Wanna Holler" from the white-dominated Apollo era.

"I listen to those for perspective," he said. "It captures what we did

well, what we did poorly."

The ability for him now to offer hope to others is "an amazing blessing and a privilege." Despite having one spaceflight behind him — an early SpaceX crew run to the International Space Station — he finds himself in new personal territory. His four daughters are in their late teens and early 20s, "and I spend as much time and thought preparing them as NASA does preparing me."

He's hyper-focused on running "our best race so that we can hand the baton off to the next leg" — a 2027 practice docking mission in orbit around Earth between an Orion crew capsule and one or two lunar landers. The all-important moon landing would follow in 2028 with

yet another set of astronauts.

CHRISTINA KOCH

Mission Specialist

The last time Koch blasted into space, she was gone almost a year, so she's not sweating a quick trip to the moon and back.

The 47-year-old electrical engineer from Jacksonville, North Carolina, holds the record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman — 328 days. She took part in the first all-female spacewalk during her lengthy stay at the space station in 2019.

More than any one individual, "it's about celebrating the fact that we've arrived to this place in history" where women can fly to the moon, she said.

Before she got called up by NASA, Koch spent a year at a South Pole research station. Between that and her space stint, she feels she's "inoculated" most of her family and friends.

"So far, I haven't gotten too many nerves from folks. Maybe my dog, but I've reassured her that it's only 10 days. It's not going to be as long as last time."

JEREMY HANSEN

Mission Specialist

The Canadian fighter pilot and physicist is making his space debut, stressful enough, but also serving as his country's first emissary to the moon.

"Maybe I'm naive, but I don't feel a lot of personal pressure."

Hansen, 50, grew up on a farm near London, Ontario, before moving to Ingersoll and pursuing a flying career. The Canadian Space Agency selected him as an astronaut in 2009, and he was named to the Artemis crew in 2023.

He realizes only now how much effort it took to send men to the moon during Apollo.

"When I walk out and I look at the moon now, it looks and feels a little bit farther than it used to be," he said. "I just understand in the details how much harder it is than I thought it was watching videos of it."

Dangers still loom — something he's shared with his college-aged son and twin daughters. "The most likely outcome is that we will come back safe. There's a chance we won't, and you will be able to move through life even if that happens," he assured them.

Apollo's old-timers rooting for return to the moon

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The people who toiled night and day to put astronauts on the moon during Apollo are thrilled that NASA is finally going back.

They just wish these Artemis moonshots had happened sooner while more of Apollo's workforce was still alive.

Now in their 80s and 90s, the dwindling survivors of NASA's greatest generation would also like to see more enthusiasm for Artemis.

So few of them are left from the original 400,000 that no reunion is planned to celebrate the upcoming Artemis II flight around the moon by four astronauts as soon as April 1. Those living near Florida's Kennedy Space Center will watch the launch from their backyards.

"Because it was the first time, there was an energy. There was a passion that probably is not exactly the same today and hasn't been for a while," said Charlie Mars, 90, who worked on Apollo's command and lunar modules and helped establish the American Space Museum in nearby Titusville.

Retired engineer JoAnn Morgan is still fuming that the last three Apollo moon landings were canceled under President Richard Nixon's watch because of budget cuts, risk concerns and shifting priorities. She was the lone woman inside launch control when Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins rocketed to the moon in 1969. Three years later, Apollo 17 closed out the grand era.

"I'm just trying to stay alive so I can see us actually get back and step foot on the moon," she said. "I'm 85 and still feeling cheated after 53 years."

Morgan isn't the only one frustrated with NASA's — and the nation's — dawdling.

"It's a good thing I'm not in charge," Mars said, "because I would be out there beating the bushes and whipping up on people to get moving."

One big difference this time are all the women in key roles.

NASA's Artemis launch director is Charlie Blackwell-Thompson. The Artemis II crew includes Christina Koch, who holds the record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman — 328 consecutive days in orbit.

"It will be even greater when they actually have a woman who plants her boots on the moon," Morgan said.

Apollo 16's Charlie Duke points out that half the world's population was not yet born when he walked on the moon in 1972.

NASA's new administrator Jared Isaacman, a tech billionaire who paid his own way to space twice, is one of them.

Apollo's old-timers are heartened that the 43-year-old Isaacman is accelerating the pace of Artemis launches to more closely match Apollo's speed and safety record. Artemis has been trudging along at a once-every-three-years flight rate, which Isaacman deems unacceptable.

He's added a test flight in orbit around Earth to practice docking with lunar landers before they're used to put astronauts on the moon. And last week, he released a blueprint for a moon base that, along with a battalion of lunar drones and rovers, is expected to cost \$20 billion over the next seven years.

NASA's self-described "moon base guy," Carlos Garcia-Galan, promises "cool cameras" on everything to

ramp up excitement.

In the near term, the overriding goal is to beat the Chinese to the lunar surface. NASA aims to land astronauts in 2028, China by 2030.

The U.S. trounced the Soviet space program in the first race to the moon, landing 12 astronauts from 1969 through 1972.

John Tribe, 90, who managed spacecraft propulsion for Apollo, considers NASA's revised Artemis plan "a whole lot more sensible."

"The other approach was ridiculous," Tribe said. "Whether we're going to beat the Chinese back, I don't know."

Apollo 9's Rusty Schweickart also likes the refashioned Artemis. As for topping Apollo's excitement, though, good luck.

"We can all recall Columbus," Schweickart said in an email, but who can remember "who came along 50 years afterward?"

One of only four moonwalkers still alive, Duke anticipates the thrill of Apollo will return once Artemis astronauts start landing, especially for the younger crowd that missed out before.

"If the first ones are landing at the south pole," are going to be watching that. Duke said, "I think millions I know I will if I'm still here."

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