many people may not remember this but

Neil Armstrong was here from the very beginning an experienced Mabel aviator and the youngest pilot in his squadron

he foods 78 combat missions during the Korean War and returned home a decorated veteran Armstrong later joined the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics NACA which was NASA's predecessor there he was a test pilot at the Lewis laboratory in Cleveland and later transferred to Edwards Air Force Base where he was a project pilot on many high-speed aircraft among them the
x-15 he made seven flights in the x-15
ultimately reaching a speed of 4,000 miles per hour and an altitude of more than two hundred seven thousand feet in 1962 Armstrong was selected in a second class of NASA astronauts and in 1966 he and Dave Scott made history during their Gemini 8 flight by achieving the first docking in space his calm and methodical approach to flying saved the mission after the spacecraft started spinning dangerously out of control in 1969 Armstrong was selected as commander for Apollo 11 and on July 20th
with only 20 seconds of fuel remaining

he safely set the lunar module eagle on

the surface of the Moon meeting the challenge John F Kennedy gave the nation

with five months to spare

NASA remembers astronaut Neil Armstrong