okay well welcome to the 3334

change-of-command ceremony today here on

the good ship International Space

Station we're gonna hand over to a

command from myself to Kevin Ford

I just wanted to reflect a couple things

about our time up here and just time in

history sort of was brought to our

attention on the 55th anniversary of

Sputnik that that was sort of a cool

event that we actually launched

satellites from the Japanese portion of

the space station on that day so I got

to thinking about what's been going on
in the last couple years about a hundred

years ago the Girl Scouts were founded

Oreos were founded so those are

significant events and a lot of other

really cool things happened all over the

world at that point in time as well

national parks were founded a lot of

great things all over the world

including aviation started 250 years ago

I mentioned already Sputnik was a pretty

major event for all of us that got us

here today 25 years ago

Aki just graduated from high school Yuri

was flying airplanes and I in the United
States became legal drinking age so a bunch of interesting things happened 25 years ago 10 years ago a little over 10 years ago people or became living on this International Space Station for a permanent presence and we are honored to be fulfilling that dream and living that dream right now so I just wonder what is going to happen or what our future is a lies in store for us 10 years 25 years 50 years in 100 years from now I think we've left the ship in good shape and I'm honored to hand it over to Kevin
although he's an Air Force guy so we

have to make him a little more Navy

because it is a ship so I have a little

present for him first this is a navy

pennant flies over Navy ships when the

commander is on board and now you know

that give a black dawn came up and that

was a idea from your guineas daughter

and there's four of us living here in

dome two and it's pretty crowded the

Gipper but dome is not lonely but with

two of us leaving he might be lonely and

so I'm gonna give him a friend we know

what to do with that we know what to do

with that and I'm not sure you guys know
who magnum p.i is but a leg is our

magnum p.i and with that he gets the traditional Hawaiian shirt that's been on the ISS for quite some time so as you can see we have a great crew up here us who are going home very shortly and the ones who are taking over ships and good hams got the mic that thank you very much I hope you heard all of Sonny's words they were there were very nice words and we do appreciate the gifts we appreciate also the great handover we've gotten from you guys it's been relatively short not as just some some
have been shorter but three weeks is a pretty short hand over and between Oleg give Guinea and I we have all together if you combine all of our space time we have about three months total time in space so far and if you combine the time of Sonny and Aki and Yuri they have three years of total time in space living in space so they really had a lot to offer us we learned a tremendous amount from them and they were really really good about sharing it we're not really ready to see them go to be honest but
but it's time for them to get home they need to land at a time when this the rescue forces can get to them and find them easily and get them safely back to their families it's been a pleasure serving with them sunny said she hopes she's left the station in great shape and they have the Space Station is in remarkably good condition it's ready full full up utilization the exercise equipment is fantastic the facilities are fantastic everything is in order the ground teams are running really well and harmoniously with the crew and the
training to get here has been great so

00:04:35,160 --> 00:04:39,990
we're ready for a great expedition we'll

00:04:38,129 --> 00:04:43,918
be we'll be here holding down the fort

00:04:39,990 --> 00:04:45,389
for maybe for four or so weeks until the

00:04:43,918 --> 00:04:47,339
rest of the crew gets here to complement

00:04:45,389 --> 00:04:48,689
expedition 34 and we're looking forward

00:04:47,339 --> 00:04:50,819
to doing a lot of science and getting a

00:04:48,689 --> 00:04:53,160
lot of utilization done now that the

00:04:50,819 --> 00:04:54,599
space station is as fully up and ready

00:04:53,160 --> 00:04:57,300
to go so thanks to everybody on the

00:04:54,600 --> 00:04:58,830
ground thanks to sunny and a crew thank

00:04:57,300 --> 00:05:00,600
you for a great handover and I'm ready

00:05:04:58,829 --> 00:05:03,948
to assume command of the International

00:05:00,600 --> 00:05:03,949
Space Station thank you very much

00:05:05:42,899 --> 00:05:29,069
and Houston that concludes the change of
command ceremony thanks for coming on

board with us thank you so much it was a

great job and congratulations to both of you and to all of you