



*Checking In with the
2017 Astronaut Candidate Class*

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00:00:34,834 --> 00:00:15,348
[MUSIC]

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00:00:34,834 --> 00:00:35,502
>> I THINK FOR ME,

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00:00:35,502 --> 00:00:36,102
THE MOST CHALLENGING

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00:00:36,102 --> 00:00:36,803
HAS BEEN RUSSIAN.

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00:00:36,803 --> 00:00:37,937
UH, LEARNING RUSSIAN.

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00:00:37,937 --> 00:00:39,139
UH, I HAVE-- I DON'T SPEAK

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00:00:39,139 --> 00:00:39,873
ANOTHER LANGUAGE COMING

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00:00:39,873 --> 00:00:41,474
IN-IN HERE, AND SO TRYING

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00:00:41,474 --> 00:00:43,510
TO LEARN THAT AS A-- A, UH,

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00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:44,711
MIDDLE AGED MAN, TO TRY TO

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00:00:44,711 --> 00:00:45,879
PICK UP ANOTHER LANGUAGE,

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00:00:45,879 --> 00:00:46,713
UH, YEARS AND YEARS

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00:00:46,713 --> 00:00:47,647

OUTTA SCHOOL HAS BEEN

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00:00:47,647 --> 00:00:48,648

VERY DIFFICULT.

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00:00:48,648 --> 00:00:49,883

>> RUSSIAN'S BEEN FUN.

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00:00:49,883 --> 00:00:50,850

UH, LEARNING NEW LANGUAGES

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00:00:50,850 --> 00:00:52,152

ISN'T NECESSARILY

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00:00:52,152 --> 00:00:53,887

MY STRONG SUIT, BUT WE HAVE

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00:00:53,887 --> 00:00:55,455

AMAZING SUPPORT.

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00:00:55,455 --> 00:00:56,189

>> YEAH, IT'S FUN

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00:00:56,189 --> 00:00:58,758

TO GET TO LEARN ABOUT

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00:00:58,758 --> 00:00:59,692

THE RUSSIAN CULTURE.

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00:00:59,692 --> 00:01:00,927

LIKE, LEARNING A LANGUAGE IS

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00:01:00,927 --> 00:01:01,761

KIND OF A BIG WAY THAT

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00:01:01,761 --> 00:01:03,430

YOU GET TO-TO DO THAT.

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00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:04,264

IT'S LIKE A GLIMPSE INTO

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00:01:04,264 --> 00:01:05,231

ANOTHER WORLD, SO IT'S BEEN

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00:01:05,231 --> 00:01:06,466

REALLY COOL.

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00:01:06,466 --> 00:01:07,500

MY GROUP IS JUST STARTING

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00:01:07,500 --> 00:01:09,035

THE-- TO LEARN ALL OF

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00:01:09,035 --> 00:01:10,904

THE SPACE STATION SYSTEMS.

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00:01:10,904 --> 00:01:11,805

>> TODAY WE WERE LEARNING

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00:01:11,805 --> 00:01:13,473

ABOUT THE SPACE STATION

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00:01:13,473 --> 00:01:14,808

CONFIGURATION.

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00:01:14,808 --> 00:01:15,442

>> WE'RE GETTIN' A CHANCE

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00:01:15,442 --> 00:01:16,209

TO ACTUALLY SEE SOME OF

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00:01:16,209 --> 00:01:17,243

THE HARDWARE ON STATION,

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00:01:17,243 --> 00:01:18,545

WALK THROUGH IT.

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00:01:18,545 --> 00:01:19,446

UH, WE'LL BE FLOATING,

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00:01:19,446 --> 00:01:20,413

OBVIOUSLY, IN SPACE, BUT,

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00:01:20,413 --> 00:01:21,381

UH, GETTING TO ACTUALLY SEE

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00:01:21,381 --> 00:01:22,482

THE PHYSICAL LAYOUT THAT

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00:01:22,482 --> 00:01:24,050

CORRESPONDS TO THE ACADEMICS

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00:01:24,050 --> 00:01:25,485

WE'VE BEEN, UH, READING

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00:01:25,485 --> 00:01:26,619

ABOUT AND PRACTICING

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00:01:26,619 --> 00:01:27,821

IS A GREAT, UH,

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00:01:27,821 --> 00:01:30,390

GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

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00:01:30,390 --> 00:01:31,391

>> I'VE REALLY BEEN ENJOYING

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00:01:31,391 --> 00:01:32,992

T-38 TRAINING.

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00:01:32,992 --> 00:01:33,726

UH, THAT'S BEEN

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00:01:33,726 --> 00:01:34,961
A LOT OF FUN FOR ME.

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00:01:34,961 --> 00:01:36,229
SINCE MY BACKGROUND IS IN

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00:01:36,229 --> 00:01:37,263
THE SUBMARINE FORCE, GETTING

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00:01:37,263 --> 00:01:39,466
TO LEARN HOW TO OPERATE

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00:01:39,466 --> 00:01:41,601
IN AN AIRCRAFT IS A DIFFERENT

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00:01:41,601 --> 00:01:42,569
CONTEXT FOR ME, AND

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00:01:42,569 --> 00:01:43,636
THAT'S BEEN A LOT OF FUN

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00:01:43,636 --> 00:01:46,906
TO LEARN HOW TO HELP MANAGE

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00:01:46,906 --> 00:01:49,476
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COCKPIT.

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00:01:49,476 --> 00:01:50,310
>> I HAD A LITTLE BIT OF

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00:01:50,310 --> 00:01:51,544
FLYING EXPERIENCE BEFORE

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00:01:51,544 --> 00:01:53,146
I CAME HERE, BUT NOTHING

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00:01:53,146 --> 00:01:55,448

AT ALL LIKE FLYING A T-38.

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00:01:55,448 --> 00:01:56,616

JUST THE EXPERIENCE OF

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00:01:56,616 --> 00:01:58,551

TAKING OFF, LIKE, PUTTING--

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00:01:58,551 --> 00:01:59,853

THE PILOT PUTTING THE PLANE

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00:01:59,853 --> 00:02:01,321

INTO AFTERBURNER AND

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00:02:01,321 --> 00:02:03,022

ACCELERATING DOWN THE RUNWAY