

LAUNCH
AMERICA

NASA ASTRONAUT

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COMMANDER

NASA'S SPACEX CREW-6 MISSION



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00:00:05,390 --> 00:00:02,330
the greatest things we accomplish as

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00:00:07,610 --> 00:00:05,400
human beings we do as teams

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00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:07,620
my name is Steve Bowen I am the

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00:00:11,390 --> 00:00:10,080
spacecraft commander of NASA's SpaceX

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00:00:13,970 --> 00:00:11,400
Cruise 6 mission to the International

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00:00:15,950 --> 00:00:13,980
Space Station

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00:00:17,810 --> 00:00:15,960
I was born in Cohasset Massachusetts

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00:00:19,849 --> 00:00:17,820
it's a small town on the coast just

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00:00:22,310 --> 00:00:19,859
south of Boston I had five brothers and

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00:00:25,550 --> 00:00:22,320
sisters I was the fifth of six and uh

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00:00:28,550 --> 00:00:25,560
really sort of an idyllic childhood

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00:00:30,529 --> 00:00:28,560
when I was getting ready to choose you

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00:00:32,630 --> 00:00:30,539

know we're applying for colleges I had

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00:00:34,190 --> 00:00:32,640

the good enough grades and I got an

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00:00:38,030 --> 00:00:34,200

appointment to U.S Naval Academy so I

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:39,650

I had done a summer cruise and the

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00:00:42,709 --> 00:00:40,559

reason I ended up doing the summer

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00:00:45,229 --> 00:00:42,719

cruise on submarines was because the

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00:00:47,450 --> 00:00:45,239

ideas interested me the whole concept of

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00:00:50,450 --> 00:00:47,460

running a nuclear power plant underwater

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00:00:52,250 --> 00:00:50,460

and operating at Sea and so after

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00:00:54,889 --> 00:00:52,260

graduation I spent 14 years in the

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00:00:57,410 --> 00:00:54,899

submarine Force before I applied to

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00:00:59,630 --> 00:00:57,420

become an astronaut

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00:01:01,549 --> 00:00:59,640

I never had you know Grand plans of

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00:01:02,930 --> 00:01:01,559
growing up and becoming an astronaut but

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00:01:05,570 --> 00:01:02,940
I never did anything to preclude that

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00:01:08,289 --> 00:01:05,580
either based on what uh how I managed to

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00:01:10,750 --> 00:01:08,299
get here it was just curiosity and

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00:01:14,330 --> 00:01:10,760
enthusiasm

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00:01:16,490 --> 00:01:14,340
I remember on sts-132 I think it was on

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:16,500
my first spacewalk on that mission and

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00:01:19,969 --> 00:01:18,720
there I was overlooking the

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00:01:21,350 --> 00:01:19,979
International Space Station as we're

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00:01:24,109 --> 00:01:21,360
circling the earth the whole world

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00:01:25,490 --> 00:01:24,119
spread out below me and all I could

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00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:25,500
think of is

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00:01:29,630 --> 00:01:27,840

kind of civilization is this you know I

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00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:29,640

grew up carrying buckets of cement and

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00:01:33,590 --> 00:01:31,680

here I am on top of the International

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00:01:35,630 --> 00:01:33,600

Space Station circling the earth as

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00:01:37,730 --> 00:01:35,640

we're doing research you know really to

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00:01:39,649 --> 00:01:37,740

make the world a better place and we're

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00:01:41,510 --> 00:01:39,659

doing it as a team we're doing it as an

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00:01:42,770 --> 00:01:41,520

international team you know it was

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00:01:44,270 --> 00:01:42,780

eye-oper I mean it's not something I

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00:01:45,830 --> 00:01:44,280

didn't necessarily understand but it's

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00:01:48,170 --> 00:01:45,840

really becomes obvious in a moment like

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00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:48,180

that and that was absolutely amazing to

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00:01:51,469 --> 00:01:49,200

me

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00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:51,479
I view myself really as a rookie for the

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00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:53,700
International Space Station because I

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00:01:56,690 --> 00:01:55,200
was always there basically as a

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00:01:57,710 --> 00:01:56,700
construction worker this time I'm

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00:01:59,950 --> 00:01:57,720
actually getting the opportunity to

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00:02:02,630 --> 00:01:59,960
operate and to be a part of the science

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00:02:04,429 --> 00:02:02,640
and be a part of the ISS operations

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00:02:07,249 --> 00:02:04,439
that's all new to me and I'm really

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00:02:09,949 --> 00:02:07,259
looking forward to being a part of all

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00:02:11,449 --> 00:02:09,959
of that and hopefully my bit of space

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00:02:13,970 --> 00:02:11,459
flight experience that I've brought

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00:02:19,070 --> 00:02:13,980
along with me I can help everybody else

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00:02:22,010 --> 00:02:19,080

settle in and step into these operations

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00:02:23,270 --> 00:02:22,020

I have a most amazing crew I'll say this

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00:02:25,250 --> 00:02:23,280

for all three of my crew members because

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00:02:26,869 --> 00:02:25,260

they're actually all pretty amazing

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00:02:29,630 --> 00:02:26,879

individuals they each have distinct

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00:02:32,150 --> 00:02:29,640

personalities that add so much to the

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00:02:34,550 --> 00:02:32,160

crew that ability to function as a group

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00:02:37,070 --> 00:02:34,560

is absolutely amazing and when you

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00:02:38,380 --> 00:02:37,080

accomplish something as a team there is

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00:02:47,410 --> 00:02:38,390

no greater feeling