

# An American Treasure: The Space Shuttle



1  
00:00:04,630 --> 00:00:02,230  
hi my name is alonzo g i'm currently

2  
00:00:07,269 --> 00:00:04,640  
with defense contract management agency

3  
00:00:09,509 --> 00:00:07,279  
i'm a project and systems engineer my

4  
00:00:12,310 --> 00:00:09,519  
favorite memory is my first memory of

5  
00:00:16,070 --> 00:00:12,320  
shuttle launches that was sts 92 i

6  
00:00:18,470 --> 00:00:16,080  
believe in october the 11th of 2000 7 17

7  
00:00:20,150 --> 00:00:18,480  
p.m it was my first launch uh i was

8  
00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:20,160  
working at the booster launch operations

9  
00:00:23,429 --> 00:00:22,240  
center which is considered the fourth

10  
00:00:26,550 --> 00:00:23,439  
firing room

11  
00:00:28,150 --> 00:00:26,560  
and i got off at 6 15 p.m and i remember

12  
00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:28,160  
going over to the vab and there was a

13  
00:00:31,669 --> 00:00:29,760

crowd there and i didn't know where to

14

00:00:33,350 --> 00:00:31,679

stand and where to go but then all of a

15

00:00:34,630 --> 00:00:33,360

sudden i heard the countdown i saw the

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:34,640

flash and

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:36,480

it all made it worthwhile i have so much

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00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:38,719

more respect for all the men and women

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00:00:42,549 --> 00:00:40,480

that work out here and all that they do

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00:00:44,709 --> 00:00:42,559

just to get that shuttle launch up those

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00:00:46,790 --> 00:00:44,719

minute and 22 seconds that it takes for

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00:00:48,630 --> 00:00:46,800

those boosters to separate takes years

23

00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:48,640

and years worth of work and energy and

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00:00:52,790 --> 00:00:50,480

that's that'll always be my favorite