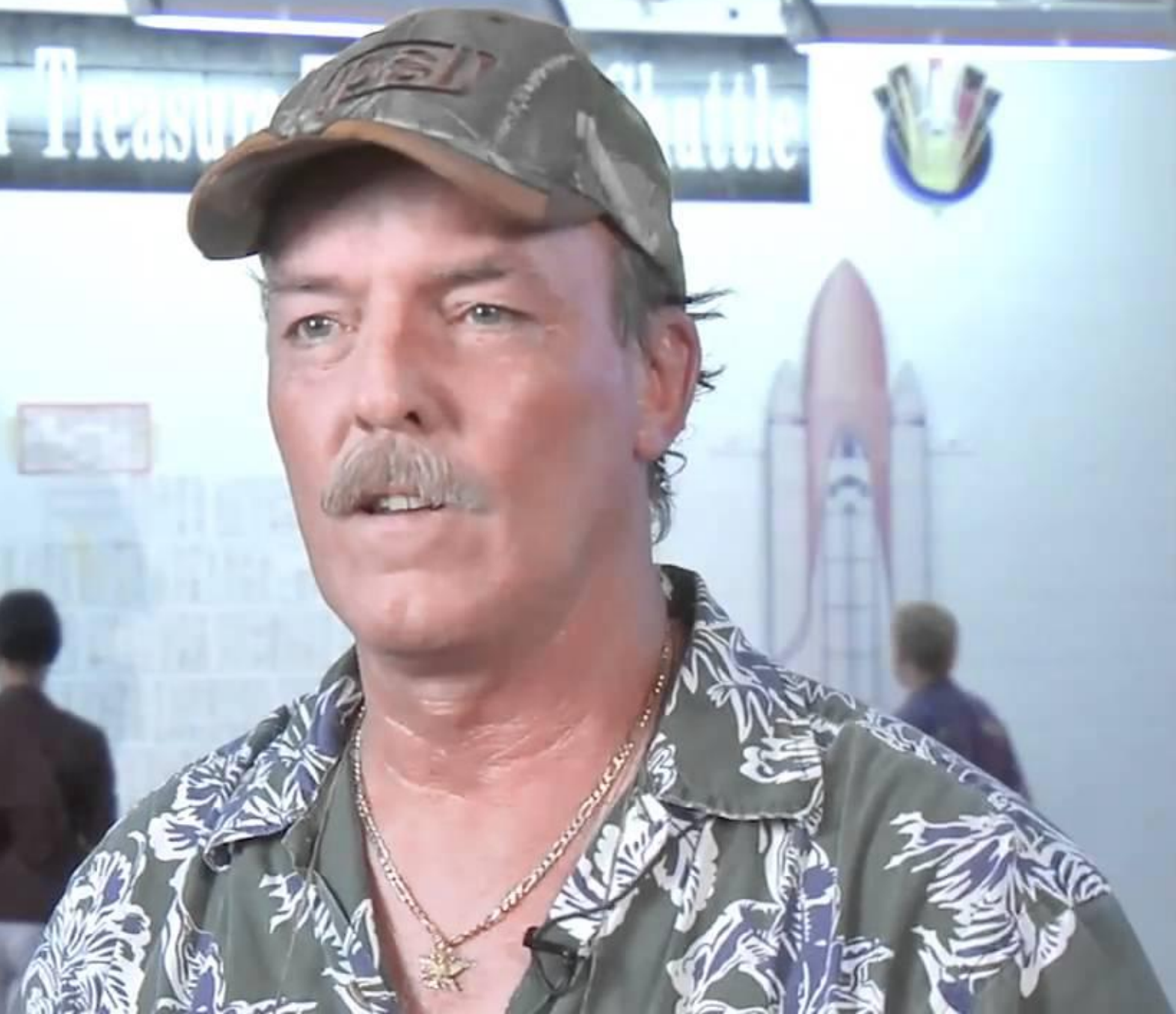




An American Treasure Shuttle



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00:00:05,390 --> 00:00:02,690
my name is Donald Smith I work right now

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00:00:07,190 --> 00:00:05,400
for bopd we're doing transition work for

3
00:00:09,320 --> 00:00:07,200
the closing of the shuttle program I got

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00:00:12,560 --> 00:00:09,330
a bunch of them I found out here next

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00:00:14,030 --> 00:00:12,570
week and be 25 years and I've seen 129

6
00:00:16,910 --> 00:00:14,040
launches and every launch is just

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00:00:19,279 --> 00:00:16,920
spectacular you know especially out here

8
00:00:20,720 --> 00:00:19,289
you feel it rumbling inside and to have

9
00:00:22,939 --> 00:00:20,730
all the people cheer and it's just

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00:00:25,189 --> 00:00:22,949
wonderful there's some bad memories I

11
00:00:29,300 --> 00:00:25,199
was here for challenger I was off Texas

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00:00:30,669 --> 00:00:29,310
picking up Columbia remains but this is

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00:00:32,959 --> 00:00:30,679

like the best place in the world of work

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00:00:35,540 --> 00:00:32,969

anybody would give anything to work out

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00:00:36,979 --> 00:00:35,550

here and I remember as a kid laying back

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00:00:39,619 --> 00:00:36,989

in the front lawn looking up at space

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00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:39,629

and going there's a lot out there and I

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00:00:42,680 --> 00:00:41,040

lived up in New York at the time never

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:42,690

thought in my wildest dreams I would get

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00:00:47,209 --> 00:00:45,120

a job out here and I live in a lot of

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00:00:49,310 --> 00:00:47,219

Dale at the time and I applied up here

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00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:49,320

for Lockheed Martin and I got a phone

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00:00:52,580 --> 00:00:51,120

call one day and it was then they said

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00:00:54,529 --> 00:00:52,590

have you ever worked with hyper calls

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00:00:57,740 --> 00:00:54,539

and see what the heck are hyper golf

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00:00:59,930 --> 00:00:57,750

every one before so I got the job and

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00:01:02,330 --> 00:00:59,940

it's just been remarkable ever since I

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00:01:04,369 --> 00:01:02,340

wouldn't trade it for the world and now

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00:01:06,320 --> 00:01:04,379

my family works out here my son my

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00:01:08,840 --> 00:01:06,330

daughter and that happens a lot out here

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00:01:10,010 --> 00:01:08,850

we have generation after generation and

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00:01:11,539 --> 00:01:10,020

when i first started i got the work with

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00:01:16,450 --> 00:01:11,549

a lot of people that worked the Gemini

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00:01:19,429 --> 00:01:16,460

program the other programs are out here

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00:01:20,690 --> 00:01:19,439

and to listen to their stories and see

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00:01:22,249 --> 00:01:20,700

it through their eyes you know they were

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:22,259

older I started out here when I was 22

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00:01:28,160 --> 00:01:24,960

and to be out here all these years and

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00:01:29,990 --> 00:01:28,170

experience it and out anytime I go

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00:01:34,539 --> 00:01:30,000

anywhere out of town or to another state

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00:01:36,530 --> 00:01:34,549

I selling the Space Center spectacular

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00:01:38,300 --> 00:01:36,540

they're like you actually worked there

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00:01:41,390 --> 00:01:38,310

get to see astronauts is it every day

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00:01:42,830 --> 00:01:41,400

and there again it's just you know it's

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00:01:45,100 --> 00:01:42,840

the wonderful thing a good experience

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00:01:46,780 --> 00:01:45,110

I'm very sad to see it come to an end in

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00:01:50,110 --> 00:01:46,790

but I guess all good things have to come

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00:01:51,930 --> 00:01:50,120

to an end but like I said I would never

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00:01:53,860 --> 00:01:51,940

trade it for anything in the world

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00:01:55,570 --> 00:01:53,870

experiences and meet the people and

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00:01:57,700 --> 00:01:55,580
there's a lot of professionals out here

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00:02:00,130 --> 00:01:57,710
they do their jobs to do it very well I

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00:02:01,930 --> 00:02:00,140
mean right down to the last shuttle

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00:02:03,550 --> 00:02:01,940
flight I guarantee that every person is