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00:00:11,990 --> 00:00:08,950
john herschel glenn jr began his flying

2
00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:12,000
career during world war ii flying 59

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00:00:16,870 --> 00:00:14,400
combat missions in the south pacific he

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00:00:18,630 --> 00:00:16,880
flew another 63 combat flights during

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00:00:21,510 --> 00:00:18,640
the korean war and earned the

6
00:00:23,910 --> 00:00:21,520
distinguished flying cross six times he

7
00:00:27,429 --> 00:00:23,920
later became a test pilot for marine and

8
00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:27,439
naval aircraft and in 1957 set the speed

9
00:00:32,870 --> 00:00:29,760
record for flying from los angeles to

10
00:00:34,950 --> 00:00:32,880
new york in three hours and 23 minutes

11
00:00:37,430 --> 00:00:34,960
his experience made him an ideal

12
00:00:42,389 --> 00:00:37,440
candidate for a fledgling civilian space

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:42,399

agency created in 1958 and in 1959 john

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00:00:47,350 --> 00:00:44,559

glenn was selected as one of nasa's

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00:00:50,709 --> 00:00:47,360

original seven mercury astronauts his

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00:00:52,709 --> 00:00:50,719

orbital flight in february 1962 gave new

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00:00:55,029 --> 00:00:52,719

wings to america's spirit

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00:00:57,510 --> 00:00:55,039

until then the united states lagged

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00:00:59,830 --> 00:00:57,520

behind the soviet union in human space

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00:01:02,470 --> 00:00:59,840

flight flynn's flight put us back on

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00:01:05,350 --> 00:01:02,480

track and america never looked back

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00:01:06,630 --> 00:01:05,360

glenn was and still remains a national

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00:01:09,429 --> 00:01:06,640

hero