



1
00:00:11,350 --> 00:00:08,310
john herschel glenn jr began his flying

2
00:00:13,749 --> 00:00:11,360
career during world war ii flying 59

3
00:00:16,310 --> 00:00:13,759
combat missions in the south pacific he

4
00:00:17,990 --> 00:00:16,320
flew another 63 combat flights during

5
00:00:20,870 --> 00:00:18,000
the korean war and earned the

6
00:00:23,269 --> 00:00:20,880
distinguished flying cross six times he

7
00:00:26,790 --> 00:00:23,279
later became a test pilot for marine and

8
00:00:29,109 --> 00:00:26,800
naval aircraft and in 1957 set the speed

9
00:00:32,470 --> 00:00:29,119
record for flying from los angeles to

10
00:00:34,870 --> 00:00:32,480
new york in 3 hours and 23 minutes his

11
00:00:37,350 --> 00:00:34,880
experience made him an ideal candidate

12
00:00:42,150 --> 00:00:37,360
for a fledgling civilian space agency

13
00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:42,160

created in 1958 and in 1959 john glenn

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00:00:47,190 --> 00:00:44,559

was selected as one of nasa's original

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:47,200

seven mercury astronauts his orbital

16

00:00:52,150 --> 00:00:50,480

flight in february 1962 gave new wings

17

00:00:54,389 --> 00:00:52,160

to america's spirit

18

00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:54,399

until then the united states lagged

19

00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:56,879

behind the soviet union in human space

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00:01:01,830 --> 00:00:59,199

flight flynn's flight put us back on

21

00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:01,840

track and america never looked back

22

00:01:05,750 --> 00:01:04,720

glenn was and still remains a national

23

00:01:08,870 --> 00:01:05,760

hero