



1
00:00:05,809 --> 00:00:03,139
I think that maybe one of the reasons

2
00:00:08,450 --> 00:00:05,819
that we became edit it

3
00:00:09,740 --> 00:00:08,460
I'm I don't want to be too presumptive I

4
00:00:12,350 --> 00:00:09,750
consider him a friend

5
00:00:15,140 --> 00:00:12,360
I think he considered me a friend we

6
00:00:17,689 --> 00:00:15,150
talked often from the time i came into

7
00:00:19,519 --> 00:00:17,699
the astronaut office you know the thing

8
00:00:22,070 --> 00:00:19,529
the big thing about about being in the

9
00:00:25,670 --> 00:00:22,080
astronaut office was it you came into

10
00:00:27,890 --> 00:00:25,680
this incredible fraternity John Glenn

11
00:00:30,620 --> 00:00:27,900
was among the first people that I met

12
00:00:33,229 --> 00:00:30,630
because he would come back like like all

13
00:00:35,900 --> 00:00:33,239

the astronauts for their their annual

14

00:00:38,930 --> 00:00:35,910

physicals each year and as a Marine he

15

00:00:40,510 --> 00:00:38,940

would kind of seek us out and in do a

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00:00:43,340 --> 00:00:40,520

little mentoring and a little coaching

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00:00:46,010 --> 00:00:43,350

and a little pepping up and everything

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00:00:48,020 --> 00:00:46,020

and wishes the best and so that was sort

19

00:00:54,180 --> 00:00:48,030

of the beginning of what developed into

20

00:00:57,869 --> 00:00:56,279

for me when I heard that John was going

21

00:01:00,600 --> 00:00:57,879

to have an opportunity to fly first of

22

00:01:02,189 --> 00:01:00,610

all I was jealous because i had left the

23

00:01:03,810 --> 00:01:02,199

Marines had left the the astronaut

24

00:01:05,700 --> 00:01:03,820

office and return to the operating

25

00:01:07,380 --> 00:01:05,710

forces of the Marine Corps and at the

26

00:01:09,780 --> 00:01:07,390

time that he flew I was actually in

27

00:01:12,060 --> 00:01:09,790

Japan in Tokyo Japan at Yokota Air Base

28

00:01:14,010 --> 00:01:12,070

I was the deputy commander of US forces

29

00:01:16,620 --> 00:01:14,020

in Japan and you may say well what the

30

00:01:19,289 --> 00:01:16,630

heck does that mean John Glenn's

31

00:01:22,109 --> 00:01:19,299

airplane that he had flown when he was

32

00:01:24,870 --> 00:01:22,119

on an exchange tour with 50 air force at

33

00:01:27,300 --> 00:01:24,880

Yokota Air Base stood on a pedestal

34

00:01:30,330 --> 00:01:27,310

right there and so I got to see it every

35

00:01:31,740 --> 00:01:30,340

day when I came in and out and he

36

00:01:35,490 --> 00:01:31,750

happened to have flown with shock him

37

00:01:38,100 --> 00:01:35,500

Kai so not only was there this

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00:01:41,249 --> 00:01:38,110

connection of John Glenn to Japan and

39

00:01:43,020 --> 00:01:41,259

the people of Japan and specifically to

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00:01:45,899 --> 00:01:43,030

your code airbase but the shiitake who

41

00:01:50,190 --> 00:01:45,909

was on another very close friend and I

42

00:01:53,999 --> 00:01:50,200

remember when Steve Lindsey shockey John

43

00:01:56,039 --> 00:01:54,009

the crew came over to Tokyo to do their

44

00:01:58,410 --> 00:01:56,049

you know their visit their post-flight

45

00:02:00,210 --> 00:01:58,420

visits they were swamped they were

46

00:02:03,119 --> 00:02:00,220

mobbed by people

47

00:02:06,180 --> 00:02:03,129

ee because not only did they have their

48

00:02:09,570 --> 00:02:06,190

their own Japanese Hiro when but they

49

00:02:13,140 --> 00:02:09,580

had this icon of spaceflight in in

50

00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:13,150

senator john glenn he was 77 I think you

51
00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:14,640
may remember the time and that began

52
00:02:20,220 --> 00:02:17,680
this contest between Jonathan and me

53
00:02:22,380 --> 00:02:20,230
when I told him how jealous I was and he

54
00:02:25,740 --> 00:02:22,390
said ok you can fly again but not until

55
00:02:28,320 --> 00:02:25,750
you turn 77 so I'm 70 years old today

56
00:02:30,930 --> 00:02:28,330
not today but I'm I'm 70 years old at

57
00:02:33,000 --> 00:02:30,940
this time and and his he knows he's

58
00:02:37,930 --> 00:02:33,010
still got me because I gotta wait seven

59
00:02:46,120 --> 00:02:42,640
his friendship 7 flight put America back

60
00:02:49,840 --> 00:02:46,130
into the space not to minimize anything

61
00:02:52,660 --> 00:02:49,850
that had been done you know bye bye bye

62
00:02:55,990 --> 00:02:52,670
Alan Shepard her or any of the the two

63
00:03:00,190 --> 00:02:56,000

flights before him but when when John

64

00:03:03,280 --> 00:03:00,200

flew we were going to orbit the Earth we

65

00:03:05,620 --> 00:03:03,290

were going to granted it was we were

66

00:03:06,940 --> 00:03:05,630

second but that wasn't important for the

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00:03:09,820 --> 00:03:06,950

United States we were going to

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00:03:12,640 --> 00:03:09,830

demonstrate that we were just as good if

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00:03:15,880 --> 00:03:12,650

not better than our our adversary at the

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00:03:17,950 --> 00:03:15,890

time the whole world watched and the

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00:03:21,250 --> 00:03:17,960

whole world hero held their collective

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00:03:24,040 --> 00:03:21,260

breath and it was just it was very

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00:03:27,510 --> 00:03:24,050

special for the nation to have to have

74

00:03:30,190 --> 00:03:27,520

John gland become the first American who

75

00:03:32,230 --> 00:03:30,200

elevated our planet and and was then

76

00:03:34,090 --> 00:03:32,240

able to talk about it no question he

77

00:03:35,680 --> 00:03:34,100

became a national hero never flew again

78

00:03:36,430 --> 00:03:35,690

because the president wouldn't let him

79

00:03:38,740 --> 00:03:36,440

fly

80

00:03:41,920 --> 00:03:38,750

he was so valuable to the nation as this

81

00:03:44,350 --> 00:03:41,930

iconic figure that we just did not want

82

00:03:47,020 --> 00:03:44,360

to risk putting him back in space again

83

00:03:49,510 --> 00:03:47,030

which did not please him but but John

84

00:03:54,070 --> 00:03:49,520

you know is a typical marine he says ok

85

00:03:58,270 --> 00:03:55,780

I didn't talk to the senator Graham

86

00:03:59,980 --> 00:03:58,280

before the flight but afterwards I had

87

00:04:02,350 --> 00:03:59,990

quite a few opportunities particularly

88

00:04:04,900 --> 00:04:02,360

in japan as we kind of reminiscent and

89

00:04:07,450 --> 00:04:04,910

we talked about what it was like then

90

00:04:09,760 --> 00:04:07,460

when he lived in Japan you know during

91

00:04:13,660 --> 00:04:09,770

the Korean War and now while I was

92

00:04:17,830 --> 00:04:13,670

living there some decades later and

93

00:04:19,930 --> 00:04:17,840

anyhoo I had not known before this but

94

00:04:22,300 --> 00:04:19,940

John was so typical he didn't talk at

95

00:04:26,410 --> 00:04:22,310

all about himself he didn't talk about

96

00:04:28,540 --> 00:04:26,420

the flight he talked about he always

97

00:04:31,840 --> 00:04:28,550

talked about the importance of we've

98

00:04:34,150 --> 00:04:31,850

gotta get kids interested in this stuff

99

00:04:36,570 --> 00:04:34,160

again we've got to get them interested

100

00:04:39,400 --> 00:04:36,580

in science and and math and technology

101
00:04:42,430 --> 00:04:39,410
and I think some of the statements that

102
00:04:46,270 --> 00:04:42,440
you see that people remember most from

103
00:04:47,920 --> 00:04:46,280
John Glenn the senator and and post

104
00:04:50,980 --> 00:04:47,930
senator when he went back and founded

105
00:04:52,930 --> 00:04:50,990
the you know the the space the policy

106
00:04:55,270 --> 00:04:52,940
institute on the campus of the ohio

107
00:04:58,810 --> 00:04:55,280
state university he was focused on

108
00:05:03,279 --> 00:04:58,820
educating America's youth to keep us the

109
00:05:08,230 --> 00:05:05,559
the thing I don't want anybody to miss

110
00:05:11,559 --> 00:05:08,240
about about senator Glenn Johnson and

111
00:05:14,230 --> 00:05:11,569
Colonel Glen astronaut glad it doesn't

112
00:05:18,219 --> 00:05:14,240
make any difference what you say the

113
00:05:23,700 --> 00:05:18,229

love of his life with anything in there

114

00:05:28,830 --> 00:05:25,650

no just to see the two of them together

115

00:05:30,690 --> 00:05:28,840

the way they looked at each other

116

00:05:34,590 --> 00:05:30,700

I mean for for anybody who's

117

00:05:36,900 --> 00:05:34,600

contemplating marriage Europe got to go

118

00:05:40,260 --> 00:05:36,910

to school on the glens because they they

119

00:05:44,190 --> 00:05:40,270

can teach us a lot about what one ending

120

00:05:47,460 --> 00:05:44,200

love what undying respect and admiration

121

00:05:49,590 --> 00:05:47,470

for each other means mutual respect

122

00:05:52,260 --> 00:05:49,600

because that there was never a question

123

00:05:54,270 --> 00:05:52,270

that any was the love of his life in in

124

00:05:56,490 --> 00:05:54,280

fact you know I when I talk to tool in

125

00:05:58,530 --> 00:05:56,500

his daughter a couple weeks ago because

126
00:06:00,750 --> 00:05:58,540
you know we've been kind of knowing that

127
00:06:03,240 --> 00:06:00,760
he was not doing well and that this day

128
00:06:06,510 --> 00:06:03,250
was approaching I would always ask about

129
00:06:08,310 --> 00:06:06,520
her mom and and as I asked about the

130
00:06:10,560 --> 00:06:08,320
senator she said you know is as sick as

131
00:06:13,620 --> 00:06:10,570
he was he wanted to know how I any was

132
00:06:15,630 --> 00:06:13,630
you know he was checking on her and and

133
00:06:16,800 --> 00:06:15,640
saying you know she got to take care of

134
00:06:19,290 --> 00:06:16,810
her

135
00:06:21,240 --> 00:06:19,300
he that that's John that's the John

136
00:06:25,020 --> 00:06:21,250
again that I remember and shall always

137
00:06:26,670 --> 00:06:25,030
cherish the person that in my mind never

138
00:06:28,350 --> 00:06:26,680

thought about himself

139

00:06:31,560 --> 00:06:28,360

there's a great movie that's coming out

140

00:06:33,990 --> 00:06:31,570

in January called hidden figures and the

141

00:06:36,570 --> 00:06:34,000

movie focuses on on a group of

142

00:06:41,340 --> 00:06:36,580

african-american women mainly Katherine

143

00:06:44,280 --> 00:06:41,350

Johnson a not marginal figure or

144

00:06:47,400 --> 00:06:44,290

character in that movie is John Glenn

145

00:06:51,450 --> 00:06:47,410

the mercury astronaut and and what

146

00:06:54,360 --> 00:06:51,460

struck me so having been through life as

147

00:06:56,430 --> 00:06:54,370

an astronaut was when they first arrived

148

00:06:58,890 --> 00:06:56,440

at Langley Air Force Base back then the

149

00:07:00,810 --> 00:06:58,900

Langley Research Center and they got out

150

00:07:04,020 --> 00:07:00,820

of their cars and they went to greet

151
00:07:05,760 --> 00:07:04,030
this these throngs of NASA employees and

152
00:07:08,010 --> 00:07:05,770
everybody else and there was this small

153
00:07:09,630 --> 00:07:08,020
group of african-american women off on

154
00:07:11,280 --> 00:07:09,640
the side who were the human computers

155
00:07:14,760 --> 00:07:11,290
that you'll you'll see about in the

156
00:07:16,920 --> 00:07:14,770
movie only John Glenn I mean everybody

157
00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:16,930
else is going through the crowd shaking

158
00:07:22,110 --> 00:07:19,360
hands and then they were hustled off to

159
00:07:24,660 --> 00:07:22,120
go to their meetings John straight off

160
00:07:26,250 --> 00:07:24,670
because it was this group of women that

161
00:07:27,600 --> 00:07:26,260
he recognized it must have been there

162
00:07:29,250 --> 00:07:27,610
for some reason he went over and

163
00:07:31,360 --> 00:07:29,260

introduced himself and he shook hands

164

00:07:33,520 --> 00:07:31,370

with with each of them and

165

00:07:36,189 --> 00:07:33,530

let them know you know how important he

166

00:07:39,310 --> 00:07:36,199

felt they were and and he became a

167

00:07:41,920 --> 00:07:39,320

central figure in the story of of

168

00:07:43,840 --> 00:07:41,930

Katherine Johnson who received the

169

00:07:47,050 --> 00:07:43,850

presidential medal of freedom last year

170

00:07:48,460 --> 00:07:47,060

that you know just to be able to connect

171

00:07:51,129 --> 00:07:48,470

the two of them as we were able to do

172

00:07:53,140 --> 00:07:51,139

last week who cared so much for each

173

00:07:54,790 --> 00:07:53,150

other and realized the importance of

174

00:07:56,800 --> 00:07:54,800

each other in their lives John Glenn

175

00:07:58,570 --> 00:07:56,810

would have never flown had it not been

176
00:08:00,879 --> 00:07:58,580
for Katherine Johnson saying it's okay

177
00:08:03,310 --> 00:08:00,889
and Katherine Johnson would not be this

178
00:08:06,250 --> 00:08:03,320
national hero today had it not been for

179
00:08:08,680 --> 00:08:06,260
this this incredible marine this

180
00:08:10,900 --> 00:08:08,690
incredible astronaut john glenn who took

181
00:08:13,900 --> 00:08:10,910
the time to go shake her hand get to

182
00:08:16,029 --> 00:08:13,910
meet her and and and learn how to trust

183
00:08:19,820 --> 00:08:16,039
her and make her feel like she was a

184
00:08:24,740 --> 00:08:22,070
John and bodies look like people always

185
00:08:27,110 --> 00:08:24,750
ask a lot of times what what what single

186
00:08:30,140 --> 00:08:27,120
thing would you advise me and I and I

187
00:08:33,370 --> 00:08:30,150
always tell them take care of your

188
00:08:36,440 --> 00:08:33,380

people and they will take care of you

189

00:08:38,480 --> 00:08:36,450

you know it is a it is a dictum that we

190

00:08:41,450 --> 00:08:38,490

learn in the Marine Corps we always talk

191

00:08:43,460 --> 00:08:41,460

about mission first people second but

192

00:08:44,920 --> 00:08:43,470

take care of number two and they'll take

193

00:08:47,980 --> 00:08:44,930

care of number one

194

00:08:50,210 --> 00:08:47,990

anybody who looks at John Gibbons life

195

00:08:52,490 --> 00:08:50,220

will recognize it

196

00:08:54,800 --> 00:08:52,500

you know John knew that he embodied

197

00:08:57,830 --> 00:08:54,810

taking care of your people whether it

198

00:09:00,860 --> 00:08:57,840

was as a pilot we're at times he had Ted

199

00:09:03,650 --> 00:09:00,870

Williams the great baseball player on

200

00:09:06,110 --> 00:09:03,660

his wing and Korea or whether he was

201
00:09:08,570 --> 00:09:06,120
leading marines or ultimately in the US

202
00:09:11,630 --> 00:09:08,580
Senate where he fought for people many

203
00:09:14,780 --> 00:09:11,640
of whom he never knew but he he thought

204
00:09:16,490 --> 00:09:14,790
you know their lives were important also

205
00:09:18,500 --> 00:09:16,500
and then what he did when he went back

206
00:09:22,400 --> 00:09:18,510
home to columbus in the ohio state

207
00:09:25,850 --> 00:09:22,410
university where he adopted as his focus

208
00:09:28,670 --> 00:09:25,860
for life bringing young people into have

209
00:09:29,990 --> 00:09:28,680
opportunities to to get do and see some

210
00:09:31,640 --> 00:09:30,000
of the things that he had seen if they

211
00:09:32,960 --> 00:09:31,650
realize that science and math were

212
00:09:34,640 --> 00:09:32,970
critically important

213
00:09:37,190 --> 00:09:34,650

that's the john glenn that I hope people

214

00:09:39,800 --> 00:09:37,200

will remember forever and you know John

215

00:09:42,530 --> 00:09:39,810

Glenn the astronaut that the heat get

216

00:09:44,180 --> 00:09:42,540

great John Glenn the humanitarian John

217

00:09:46,310 --> 00:09:44,190

Glenn the human being john when the

218

00:09:48,110 --> 00:09:46,320

husband you know the love because what

219

00:09:51,500 --> 00:09:48,120

that's what that's what I remember

220

00:09:55,779 --> 00:09:52,809

I will tell

221

00:09:57,849 --> 00:09:55,789

and kids that this weekend a lot you

222

00:10:00,340 --> 00:09:57,859

know we'll sit down and and and i'll

223

00:10:02,549 --> 00:10:00,350

talk to them a lot about my friend John

224

00:10:04,419 --> 00:10:02,559

Glenn and and how you exemplified

225

00:10:07,359 --> 00:10:04,429

everything that we've tried to teach

226

00:10:09,969 --> 00:10:07,369

them in about not caring for other

227

00:10:12,279 --> 00:10:09,979

people and you know about putting

228

00:10:15,009 --> 00:10:12,289

putting others first and not worry about

229

00:10:16,599 --> 00:10:15,019

yourself knowing that if you take care

230

00:10:18,309 --> 00:10:16,609

of other people then then they'll take

231

00:10:20,199 --> 00:10:18,319

care of you that that was John get

232

00:10:21,639 --> 00:10:20,209

that's the that's the John game that I

233

00:10:25,090 --> 00:10:21,649

know and that's the john glenn that

234

00:10:27,340 --> 00:10:25,100

leaves a nanny behind who want to go to

235

00:10:28,629 --> 00:10:27,350

the grocery store today you know so it

236

00:10:29,439 --> 00:10:28,639

should be ready for people to come over