



ASTRONAUT

# MATTHEW DOMINICK



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00:00:00,709 --> 00:00:04,629  
[ MUSIC ]

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00:00:08,550 --> 00:00:10,510  
>> THAT'S AWESOME, VERY GOOD,

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00:00:10,510 --> 00:00:11,678  
VERY GOOD, I LIKE IT,

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00:00:11,678 --> 00:00:12,721  
I LIKE IT, DROP YOUR HAND--

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00:00:12,721 --> 00:00:13,513  
>> OH, WAIT, WHAT AM I DOING?

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00:00:13,513 --> 00:00:14,389  
WE'RE VIDEOTAPING THIS?

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00:00:14,389 --> 00:00:15,265  
>> EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING,

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00:00:15,265 --> 00:00:16,433  
KEEP DOING IT.

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00:00:16,433 --> 00:00:17,225  
>> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

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00:00:17,225 --> 00:00:18,601  
OUR NEWEST ASTRONAUT,

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00:00:18,601 --> 00:00:19,853  
MATTHEW DOMINICK.

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00:00:19,853 --> 00:00:24,315  
[ CHEERING ]

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00:00:24,315 --> 00:00:25,024

>> I THINK IF YOU BOIL IT

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00:00:25,024 --> 00:00:26,192  
DOWN TO IT, UH,

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00:00:26,192 --> 00:00:27,819  
I'M A FATHER, A HUSBAND,

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00:00:27,819 --> 00:00:29,195  
AND AN EXPLORER.

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00:00:29,195 --> 00:00:29,779  
FOR MY WHOLE LIFE,

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00:00:29,779 --> 00:00:30,655  
I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED

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00:00:30,655 --> 00:00:31,906  
TO EXPLORE FURTHER.

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00:00:31,906 --> 00:00:32,741  
I DIDN'T EXACTLY KNOW WHERE

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00:00:32,741 --> 00:00:34,451  
I WAS GONNA GO AT ANY ONE TIME,

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00:00:34,451 --> 00:00:35,410  
BUT I ALWAYS KNEW

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00:00:35,410 --> 00:00:36,369  
I WANTED TO GO FURTHER,

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00:00:36,369 --> 00:00:38,830  
OR FASTER, OR HIGHER.

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00:00:38,830 --> 00:00:40,415  
I REMEMBER AS A KID

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00:00:40,415 --> 00:00:40,999

GOING TO AIRSHOWS

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00:00:40,999 --> 00:00:42,250

WITH-WITH MY DAD

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00:00:42,250 --> 00:00:43,376

AND JUST LOOKING AT AIRPLANES,

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00:00:43,376 --> 00:00:44,335

AND I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND IT.

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00:00:44,335 --> 00:00:46,087

AND SO, IT WAS JUST DRAWN TO IT.

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00:00:46,087 --> 00:00:46,546

EVERY AIRSHOW I WENT TO,

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00:00:46,546 --> 00:00:47,338

I-I WANTED TO GO

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00:00:47,338 --> 00:00:48,673

GET IN THAT AIRPLANE.

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00:00:48,673 --> 00:00:49,132

I GREW UP IN

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00:00:49,132 --> 00:00:50,383

WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO.

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00:00:50,383 --> 00:00:50,925

UH, WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY

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00:00:50,925 --> 00:00:51,718

OF SAN DIEGO FOR

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00:00:51,718 --> 00:00:52,886

## ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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00:00:52,886 --> 00:00:53,720  
AND WENT TO NAVAL TEST

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00:00:53,720 --> 00:00:54,679  
GRADUATE SCHOOL AS WELL,

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00:00:54,679 --> 00:00:57,098  
NAVAL TEST PILOT.

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00:00:57,098 --> 00:00:59,309  
IT'S CERTAINLY, UH, A SACRIFICE

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00:00:59,309 --> 00:01:01,686  
FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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00:01:01,686 --> 00:01:03,605  
BEING IN THE MILITARY, YOU KNOW,

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00:01:03,605 --> 00:01:04,230  
WE WOULD GO ON DEPLOYMENTS

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00:01:04,230 --> 00:01:06,149  
AND LOSE CONTACT WITH THEM

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00:01:06,149 --> 00:01:07,400  
AND THEY UNDERSTOOD THE RISK

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00:01:07,400 --> 00:01:08,860  
THAT WE WERE TAKING.

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00:01:08,860 --> 00:01:10,069  
YOU THINK ABOUT THE IMMENSE

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00:01:10,069 --> 00:01:11,362  
RESPONSIBILITY PUT ON YOU

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00:01:11,362 --> 00:01:12,781  
AT TIMES, UH,

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00:01:12,781 --> 00:01:13,198  
YOU DON'T WANT TO

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00:01:13,198 --> 00:01:14,824  
LET THE WORLD DOWN.

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00:01:14,824 --> 00:01:15,617  
UH, BUT IT'S ABOUT

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00:01:15,617 --> 00:01:16,743  
PUSHING HUMANITY FORWARD

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00:01:16,743 --> 00:01:18,119  
AND KEEPING AMERICA SAFE.

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00:01:18,119 --> 00:01:20,163  
[ ROCKETS IGNITING ]

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00:01:24,042 --> 00:01:25,502  
WATCHING ROCKETS LAUNCH,

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00:01:25,502 --> 00:01:26,002  
RIGHT, I MEAN,

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00:01:26,002 --> 00:01:27,295  
WATCHING SHUTTLE LAUNCHES

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00:01:27,295 --> 00:01:29,130  
AS A KID WAS AN ENABLER FOR ME.

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00:01:29,130 --> 00:01:29,589  
IT WAS LIKE, HOW DO I--

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00:01:29,589 --> 00:01:30,715

HOW DO I BECOME APART OF THAT?

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00:01:30,715 --> 00:01:31,257

HOW DO I JOIN THAT TEAM

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00:01:31,257 --> 00:01:32,717

TO GO DO THAT?

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00:01:32,717 --> 00:01:35,178

>> GODSPEED TO THE CLASS

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00:01:35,178 --> 00:01:36,679

OF 2017.

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00:01:36,679 --> 00:01:38,014

[ CHEERING ]

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00:01:38,014 --> 00:01:38,765

>> YOU FIND OUT YOU'RE GETTING

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00:01:38,765 --> 00:01:41,559

THIS JOB AND THAT'S HUGE.

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00:01:41,559 --> 00:01:42,393

BUT REALLY, THAT FIRST TIME

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00:01:42,393 --> 00:01:44,062

THAT YOU GO PUT YOUR HANDS

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00:01:44,062 --> 00:01:45,522

INTO THE GLOVES,

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00:01:45,522 --> 00:01:46,356

IT IS JUST A VERY

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00:01:46,356 --> 00:01:47,232

INTERESTING MOMENT,

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00:01:47,232 --> 00:01:48,775

IT'S A PINCH ME MOMENT.

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00:01:48,775 --> 00:01:49,734

AND YOU REALIZE THAT THIS IS--

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00:01:49,734 --> 00:01:50,235

THIS IS REAL,

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00:01:50,235 --> 00:01:50,777

THIS IS GONNA HAPPEN,

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00:01:50,777 --> 00:01:52,612

WE'RE GOING.

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00:01:52,612 --> 00:01:53,446

MY PREVIOUS JOB WAS

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00:01:53,446 --> 00:01:54,447

TO KEEP THE WORLD

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00:01:54,447 --> 00:01:55,782

FROM GOING BACKWARDS,

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00:01:55,782 --> 00:01:57,075

THIS JOB IS ABOUT GETTING

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00:01:57,075 --> 00:01:59,118

THE WORLD TO GO FORWARDS.

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00:01:59,118 --> 00:01:59,953

>> POJO BRINGS A LOT

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00:01:59,953 --> 00:02:01,538

OF ENERGY TO OUR TEAM,

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00:02:01,538 --> 00:02:02,747

AND HE IS ALWAYS

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00:02:02,747 --> 00:02:04,791

DEFINITELY 100% IN

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00:02:04,791 --> 00:02:07,585

IN ANYTHING HE DOES.

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00:02:07,585 --> 00:02:08,419

>> NASA ASTRONAUT

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00:02:08,419 --> 00:02:09,671

MATTHEW DOMINICK.

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00:02:17,095 --> 00:02:18,388

>> IF YOU ENJOYED THIS VIDEO

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00:02:18,388 --> 00:02:18,972

AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE

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00:02:18,972 --> 00:02:20,890

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