



VICE PRESIDENT
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TALKS WITH THE
ARTEMIS II CREW
ABOUT HOW
THEY BECAME
AN ASTRONAUT



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Can you share a bit about

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when you were a kid,

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how you were thinking
about all of this and

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how did you get to where you are right
now from those early thoughts about it?

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Honestly, for me,

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it was an unconventional path and
that's what I tell everyone to pursue.

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It starts by following your own passions.

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I have wanted to be an
astronaut for my entire life,

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and I had many people tell me the recipe
by which you can become an astronaut.

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Do A, B, and C.

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And I remember deciding somewhere
around middle school that if I were

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to ever become an astronaut,
if I were to put myself forward

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as someone to contribute to this
program that I held in such high regard,

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it wasn't going to be because I live
my life according to a checklist.

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It was going to be because
I followed my passions.

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And I'm very fortunate to
say that I was able to do that.

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I leaned in.

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I tell people, do what scares you

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the most to the world and finally
support the people around you.

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I was supported by people
that believed in me,

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and I always remember to tell the people
around me, I believe in them.

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Amen.

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Well, there are two specific points

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that are definitely
waypoints on this journey.

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And it began when I was a kid,

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about ten years old, seeing a
space shuttle launch on TV,

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but not even having the context to realize
those are astronauts in that vehicle.

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And that you have to be an
astronaut or maybe a pilot to do it,

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or even an engineer.

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I didn't think any of that.

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I just thought that thing's going
fast and I would love to drive it.

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When I joined the Navy in college

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my father said to me

with an engineering degree

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and being a pilot,
you might become an astronaut.

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And he said that to me in 1997.

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And so, again,
the power of inspiration and mentorship

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and that love and support from family
is a definite path to getting here for me.

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When we see the kind of mission
you all are embarking on

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and when people see that

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breaking through the
limitations in our thoughts

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that need to be broken so we
can see that anything is possible

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when we actually challenge ourselves

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and live with that kind of ambition.

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I'm just thrilled about the four of you being

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selected and being on this
incredible mission together.

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People are so excited about you guys.

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So, congratulations.

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I see Artemis II as like a real solid

example of American leadership,

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because you're leading

and what you've done with Artemis II in

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this program is you're looking around

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and you're lifting up other

countries like Canada.

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I know you could do it on your own.

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America could go back

to the moon without us.

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But you deliberately chosen to include

other countries and you said, look,

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bring your genius, bring your gifts,
and we will go further together.

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So Canadians today

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are now dreaming bigger possibilities
because of your leadership.

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And we really appreciate that.

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So, Captain Wiseman,

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as the captain of the crew,

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what would be your charge
to the Artemis generation?

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Being a youth today,
I almost think we're afraid to fail.

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And if you're never pushing yourself,
if you're never getting out there

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a little bit outside your comfort zone,
then you're never challenging yourself.

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You're never daring yourself to go
explore.

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And I would say, go out there

and find something

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that you love,

that you're passionate about and try it.

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If that doesn't work,

change course and try again.

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But our nation and our world right now,

we need teachers, we need doctors,

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we need nurses, we need firefighters,

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police officers, and we need folks

to serve in our military.

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And that is a call to duty

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and get out there,

find your passion and go love your life.

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Anybody who's talking to
you would feel like they're

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back to being 12 years old.

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There is something about who

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you each
are in terms of your love of life,

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love of country, love of our world

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that is so empowering.

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So thank you, guys.

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Each one of you, please be well.

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I look forward to staying in touch and
again, congratulations, congratulations.

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Thank you, Madam Vice President.