

"Some things just can't be described. And stepping onto the moon was one of them." Buzz Aldrin



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50th Anniversary of the Historic Apollo 11 Landing

On July 20, 1969, 600 million people watched with anxious excitement as Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. took their first steps on the moon's surface. The first humans ever to leave footprints in the lunar regolith, Aldrin and Armstrong made history — and a permanent impression on the world — as they bravely ventured beyond Earth. Today marks 50 years since Armstrong's first step on the moon. But this historic achievement belongs to many more people than just this trio of astronauts: Behind the scenes, more than 400,000 people worked on the mission and made it possible for to land on the moon. All told, it was one of the greatest feats that we humans have ever pulled off.



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50 Years After the "Giant Leap"

HEROES OF APOLLO 11

APOLLO 11 SPACECRAFT



Neil Armstrong, Commander

Apollo 11 made Armstrong the first human to step on the surface of another celestial body and an international celebrity. After retiring from NASA, he taught at the University of Cincinnati and later was Vice President of Aviation, Inc. Armstrong, married and with two children. Armstrong died on August 25, in Cincinnati, Ohio, aged 82.



Buzz Aldrin, Lunar Module Pilot

Aldrin joined Armstrong in the historic moonwalk. He is also known for devising many scientific techniques used by NASA. Since retiring, he continues to lead efforts for space exploration. Now president of Starcraft Enterprise, Aldrin is married with six children and one grandson.



Michael Collins, Command Module Pilot

Collins remained onboard Columbia during Apollo 11's moonwalk. He later became director of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. He retired in 1985 to start his own business. Collins is married with three grown children.

**Command
Service Module
(CSM)
COLUMBIA**



**Lunar Module
(LM)
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