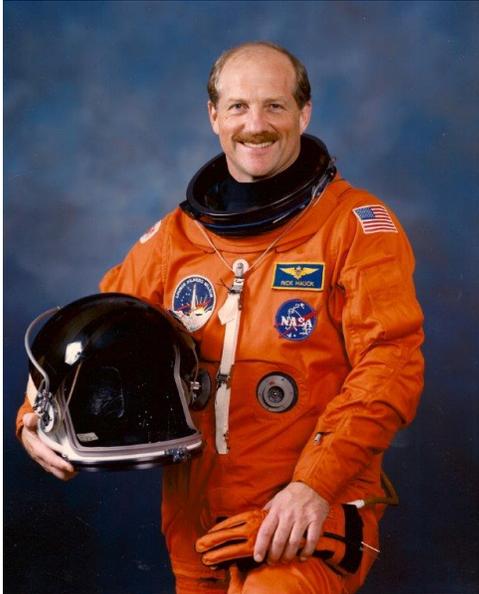


May 8th: Food for Thought Presentation at USM's Lewiston-Auburn Senior College

## The Human Spaceflight--Where Have We Been and Where are We Going?



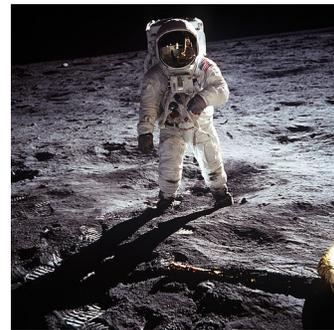
The May 8 Food for Thought Presentation at USM's Lewiston-Auburn Senior College will have a special guest like no other in its close-to-two-decades-history. Captain Rick Hauck US Navy Retired, NASA Astronaut will discuss his role in "*The Human Spaceflight--Where Have We Been and Where are We Going?*"

As always, the public is cordially invited. Early reservations are encouraged as a capacity attendance is expected.

Captain Hauck will recount the 60's and 70's when the United States celebrated the success of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs, highlighted by the mission of

Apollo 11 and its crew of Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong, the latter two stepping on the moon. During the next four decades, the space shuttle flew 135 flights before its retirement in 2011.

In May 2012, the first commercially built and operated rocket docked with the International Space Station (ISS), and in June of last year the Chinese sent three "taikonauts" to their own orbiting space station. Meanwhile, NASA is paying the Russians \$60 million to launch each of our astronauts to the ISS. What (if anything) is next for the United States' manned spaceflight program?



Captain Hauck spent 29 years in the US Navy as a combat pilot, test pilot, and NASA Astronaut. He flew 114 aircraft carrier-based combat and combat support missions during the Vietnam War. In the early 70's he was the lead Navy test pilot for the aircraft carrier trials of the F-14 Tomcat. While performing tests on another type Navy jet, he had to eject at low altitude because of an explosion in the fuel tanks.

In 1978, he was selected by NASA as one of 15 pilots to fly the space shuttle. This class of future astronauts included 20 Mission Specialists: the first six women, first African-Americans, and the first Asian-American.

In 1983, as co-pilot of the first mission to maneuver in close proximity to a satellite, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. During his second flight, and first flight as spacecraft Commander, he and his crew rendezvoused with and brought back to earth two derelict satellites, the only space salvage in history. For this flight he was awarded his first Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the highest medal awarded by the DoD in peacetime.

In 1988, he commanded the first space shuttle flight after the CHALLENGER tragedy, for which he was awarded his second DoD Distinguished Service Medal and the NASA Distinguished Service Medal. Other recognition includes his induction into the Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2001 and being granted an honorary doctorate by his alma mater, Tufts University, in 2007.

After retiring from the Navy in 1991, he spent 14 years as an executive in the space insurance business. After retiring again, he and his wife, Susan Bruce, decided to move from Maryland to Maine, to be near grandchildren and to enjoy the Pine Tree State year-round. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cianbro Companies.

**Details: Food for Thought Luncheon at LASC**

Friday, May 8 at 11:30pm.

Location: The Function Room - 170

USM LAC Campus, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston.

The cost, which includes lunch, is \$7 with advance reservation or \$8 at the door.

Reservations must be made by noon on Wednesday, May 6, by calling 753-6510. Any late callers will be considered "at the door."

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