

OMAHA, NE - Congressman Lee Terry (NE-02) will introduce United States astronaut Thomas H. Marshburn for the Strategic Air and Space Museum's Family Day activities during "The Lost Spacecraft: Liberty Bell 7 Recovered" exhibit on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m.

"It is pretty exciting to be able to welcome astronaut Dr. Tom Marshburn to our great State of Nebraska," said Terry. "Encouraging our children to enjoy science and space exploration fuels young minds to consider becoming future astronauts and leaders. I commend the Strategic Air and Space Museum and NASA for bringing heroes to our community and for making this such a family-oriented event. As parents, we understand that we need to prepare our children for an even more competitive and challenging world. To meet a live astronaut and let him get our children excited about science and the space beyond is a real treat. Welcome, Dr. Marshburn to the Husker State ."

Marshburn's keynote presentation on the "Training for Spaceflight: A New Astronaut's Adventure" will start at 11:00 a.m. A 15-minute question-and-answer session will follow. The Strategic Air and Space Museum is located at

28210 West Park Highway

(Nebraska 's I-80 at Exit 426). The presentation is open to the public.

Marshburn, a Doctor of Emergency Medicine, was selected by NASA in May 2004. In February 2006, he completed Astronaut Candidate Training. Marshburn is currently working technical assignments within the Astronaut Office while awaiting a future flight assignment as a mission specialist.

The Liberty Bell 7, part of the Project Mercury spacecraft, was lost in 1961 when the hatch blew open and filled the capsule with water. The capsule sank 15,000 feet and lay on the ocean floor for 38 years until its recovery in 1999.

For more information about this appearance, contact Sarah Lake , Director of Marketing and Community Outreach, Strategic Air and Space Museum at 402-827-3100, extension 206.

For more information on Marshburn, visit:

<http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/marshburn-th.html>

For more information on the Strategic Air and Space Museum , visit:

<http://www.strategicairandspace.com>

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