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Media Advisory

NPS Astronaut Discusses Manned Space Exploration

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 14 3:15 pm	Location: Space Systems Lab Naval Postgraduate School	Media Credentials: Deadline to obtain media credentials Wednesday, January 14 at noon
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Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Astronaut Dan Bursch will discuss his experience with manned space flight and the Naval Postgraduate School's role in future space exploration, including plans for manned visits to the moon, on Wednesday, January 14 at 3:15 pm in NPS' Space Systems Lab.

Bursch was accepted for astronaut training in 1990 while studying at NPS. He graduated from NPS with a master's degree in Engineering Science. Bursch's experience includes four space flights and command and control expertise for both the space shuttle, space station, mission control, mission specialist, flight engineer and he has logged more than 11 hours in two separate space walks.

Graduating more astronauts than any other graduate institution, NPS has been involved in space-related research since 1980. Thirty-four astronaut alumni are graduates of either the Aeronautical Engineering or Space Systems program. Bursch, the school's first astronaut-in-residence, is an instructor in the Space Systems program.

Note: Bursch's NASA biography is available at <http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/bursch.html>

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