

**INTRODUCTION SCRIPT FOR**  
**ASTRONAUT MIKE MULLANE**

**Colonel Mullane was born September 10, 1945 in Wichita Falls, Texas but spent much of his youth in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he currently resides. Upon his graduation from West Point in 1967, he was commissioned in the United States Air Force. As a Weapon Systems Operator aboard Phantom aircraft, he completed 134 combat missions in Vietnam. He holds a Master's of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and is also a graduate of the Air Force Flight Test Engineer School at Edwards Air Force Base, California.**

**Mullane was selected as a Mission Specialist in 1978 in the first group of Space Shuttle Astronauts. He completed three space missions aboard the Shuttles “Discovery” and “Atlantis” before retiring from NASA and the Air Force in 1990.**

**Mullane is the author of several books. His life story, *Riding Rockets*, is now available in book stores everywhere. Many of the teamwork and leadership comments you’ll hear in this program are included in *Riding Rockets*. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Mike Mullane.**