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## AMERICA'S FIRST PLANETARIUM

### CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL, JR. TIMELINE

- 1928:** March 25, James Lovell born in Cleveland, Ohio. His family later moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he graduated from Juneau High School.
- 1946:** Enlists in the U.S. Naval Reserve.
- 1948:** Receives appointment to Naval Academy. Entered University of Wisconsin-Madison and enrolls in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).
- 1952:** Receives Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and receives a commission in the Navy; Marries Marilyn Gerlach, with whom he has four children: Barbara (b. 1953), James (b. 1955), Susan (b. 1958), and Jeffrey (b. 1966).
- 1952:** Serves the Navy in the Korean War. Lovell was a Naval Aviator, Experimental Test Pilot, and later Command Astronaut until retiring February 29, 1973 as a Captain.
- 1959:** Considered for the Mercury Seven in 1959, but turned down due to a medical technicality.
- 1962:** Selected by NASA to become an astronaut, served as a backup pilot for Gemini 4.
- 1965:** Lovell pilots the history making Gemini 7 flight, which saw the first rendezvous of a two manned spacecraft.
- 1966:** Commands the Gemini 12 mission alongside Buzz Aldrin.
- 1968:** Serves as Command Module Pilot and Navigator on the epic six-day journey of Apollo 8 - man's maiden voyage to the Moon.
- 1970:** Flies his fourth and final flight on Apollo 13; after their cryogenic oxygen system failed, Lovell and his crew successfully turned their lunar module into an effective lifeboat and returned safely to earth. He was the first man to travel twice to the Moon.
- 1970:** Receives the Presidential Medal for Freedom.
- 1973:** Lovell was the record holder for time in space (715 hours) and had seen more sunrises from space than anyone until the Skylab missions of the early 1970s. He also holds the record for farthest distance a human has traveled from Earth.
- 1994:** Co-authors *Lost Moon: The Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13* with Jeffrey Kluger. The book was the basis for the Oscar-winning film *Apollo 13*.
- 1995:** The film *Apollo 13* comes out; the role of Jim Lovell is played by Tom Hanks.
- 1999:** Opens Lovell's of Lake Forest, a fine dining restaurant in Lake Forest, IL. The restaurant has many of his artifacts from his time with NASA, as well as from the filming of *Apollo 13*.
- 2005:** Donates much of his personal collection of artifacts to the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum in Chicago and serves as Chairman of its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.