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Neil Armstrong Timeline

1930 Neil Armstrong was born on his family's farm near Wapakoneta

1946 Armstrong began taking flying lessons at Port Koneta Air Field, near Wapakoneta

1949 Armstrong was called to active duty as a U.S. Navy pilot

1951/52 Armstrong flew 78 combat missions during the Korean War

1955 Armstrong completed a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Purdue University

1962 Armstrong entered the NASA astronaut program

1966 Armstrong commanded the Gemini VIII mission

1969 Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 lunar landing becoming the first man to step on the moon on July 20

1971 Armstrong became a professor of Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati

1986 Armstrong served as vice-chairman of the Rogers Commission, investigating the Challenger disaster

2012 Mr. Armstrong passed away on August 25 due to complications following heart bypass surgery

Neil Armstrong always stressed his role as part of the Apollo team.

“In Neil’s mind it was never about Neil,” explained fellow astronaut Gene Cernan.

“Neil considered that he was just the tip of the arrow always giving way to some 400,000 equally committed and dedicated Americans—Americans who were the strength behind the bow. And therein lies the strength and character of Neil Armstrong.”

Few people in human history will be remembered and honored forever. Neil Armstrong is likely to be one of them. We are proud he called Wapakoneta home.