



As one of less than a hundred people who have ever actually commanded a human space mission, expert leadership speaker **Colonel Rick Searfoss** speaks with authority born of in-depth personal experience.

In his career he has led many different teams, including commanding the most complex science research space mission ever, the STS-90 Neurolab flight on Columbia. He also piloted two other space flights, including a joint Russian-American mission to the Mir space station.

Prior to becoming an astronaut Colonel Searfoss was a fighter pilot and test pilot in the U.S. Air Force, with over 5,800 hours flying time in 71 different types of aircraft. A distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons (Top Gun) School and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, he is the Director of Flight Operations for XCOR Aerospace, where he flies the world's only liquid rocket-propelled aircraft and works with the development team of the Lynx suborbital spaceplane, for which he will be the first test pilot.

Rick has held executive level positions in the aerospace industry and was a contributing author to the book *Leadership on the Run - How to Get Better Results Faster*. He also consults regularly for numerous entrepreneurial "New Space" ventures, including serving as the Chief Judge for the \$10 million Ansari X Prize for the first private reusable human spacecraft and test flying the world's only liquid-fueled experimental rocket plane.

Rick is a high-content expert speaker on leadership, teamwork, innovation, peak performance and related topics. He is among less than 10% of professional speakers and the only astronaut to have earned the National Speakers Association Certified Speaking Professional designation, the speaking industry's inte...

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