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Alan Shepard holds the distinction of being the first American to journey into space and the only Mercury astronaut to walk on the Moon. On May 5, 1961, in the Freedom 7 spacecraft, Shepard was launched by a Redstone vehicle on a ballistic trajectory suborbital flight—a flight which carried him to an altitude of 116 statute miles and to a landing point 302 statute miles down the Atlantic Missile Range. In 1963, he was designated Chief of the Astronaut Office with responsibility for monitoring the coordination, scheduling and control of all activities involving NASA astronauts. He made his second space flight as spacecraft commander on Apollo 14, Jan. 31 - Feb. 9, 1971. He was accompanied on man's third lunar landing mission by Stuart A. Roosa, command module pilot, and Edgar D. Mitchell, lunar module pilot. Maneuvering their lunar module, “Antares,” to a landing in the hilly upland Fra Mauro region of the moon, Shepard and Mitchell subsequently deployed and activated various scientific equipment and experiments and collected almost 100 pounds of lunar samples for return to earth.

Source: NASA

- Alan Shepard was the first American in space.
- He specialized in recovery teams.
- He worked on a ship during World War II.
- He worked as the head of NASA’s Astronaut Office.
- He left NASA in 1974.

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