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Dan is a retired Aerospace Executive, NASA Astronaut, Naval Aviator and Test Pilot. He has held Senior Executive positions at United Space Alliance as Chief Operating Officer, Lockheed Martin as Vice President and Program Manager and Kistler Aerospace as Executive Vice President and Program Manager.

As a NASA Astronaut, he was Commander on three Space Shuttle missions including the first flight of the Space Shuttle ENDEAVOUR and Pilot on the first night launch and landing of the Shuttle. Dan was the Chief of the Astronaut Office for six years.

His Naval Aviation career included 192 combat missions in Viet Nam, 400 aircraft carrier landings, a graduate of the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School and a tour as a test pilot.

Dan was Chairman of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation for five years and is currently on their Board of Directors. He resides on a ranch in Blanco, Texas with Jane, his wife of 54 years. He enjoys volunteering, flying, gardening, golf, fishing and life on the ranch.