1958

NASA

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM

1960

AUGUST 12

ECHO I, FIRST PASSIVE

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE LAUNCHED

1960'S

ATLAS INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC
MISSILE, NEVER USED AS A WEAPON,
SERVES AS LAUNCH SYSTEM
FOR SPACE MISSIONS

1961APRIL 12



YURI GAGARIN OF USSR BECOMES FIRST MAN IN SPACE

1961

FIRST WORDS SPOKEN FROM SPACE

I SEE EARTH. IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

YURI GAGARIN

1961

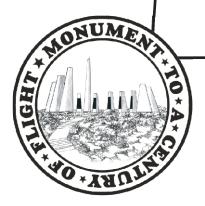
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FIRST AMERICAN IN SPACE
IS ALAN B. SHEPARD, JR.
IN MERCURY SPACECRAFT FREEDOM 7

1962

FEBRUARY 20

JOHN GLENN, JR.
BECOMES FIRST AMERICAN TO ORBIT EARTH
IN MERCURY *FRIENDSHIP 7*



PYLON 9

Monument to a Century of Flight Kitty Hawk, North Carolina