



*Florida Space Authority
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Biography

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CAPT Winston Scott

CAPT Winston Scott (USN, ret.), Executive Director

Scott is responsible for the statewide development of space-related industrial, economic and educational initiatives. He represents the State's interests in the development of space policies and programs and advises the Governor and Lt. Governor on all civil, commercial and military space matters.

Scott has been involved in aerospace, aviation and education for over 30 years. Entering Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School in December 1972, he completed flight training in fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1974. Scott served a four-year tour of duty with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Thirty-Three (HSL-33) at the Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island, CA, flying the SH-2F Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) helicopter; completed jet training in the TA-4J Skyhawk light attack jet trainer; served a tour of duty with Fighter Squadron Eighty-Four (VF-84) at NAS Oceana, VA, flying the F-14 Tomcat fighter/interceptor; designated an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer in June, 1986; assigned as Director of Engineering and Production Test Pilot at the Naval Aviation Depot, NAS Jacksonville, FL, flying the F/A-18 Hornet fighter and the A-7 Corsair attack aircraft; next assigned as the Deputy Director of the Tactical Aircraft Systems Department at the Naval Air Development Center at Warminster, PA; as a research and development project pilot, flew the F-14, F/A-18 and A-7 aircraft; accumulated more than 5,000 hours of flight time in over 20 different military and civilian aircraft and more than 200 shipboard landings.

In 1992, Scott was selected to be an Astronaut for NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. He was a mission specialist on STS-72 Endeavor in 1996 and STS-87 Columbia (the fourth U.S. Microgravity Payload Flight) in 1997, and has logged a total of 24 days, 14 hours and 34 minutes in space, including three space walks totaling 19 hours and 26 minutes.

Prior to his selection to Florida Space Authority, Scott was an Associate Dean and Professor with the Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (FAMU) and Florida State University (FSU) College of Engineering. He previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs at FSU from 2000 until 2003. He came to FSU as Associate Vice President with the Division of Student Affairs in 1999.

Scott also served as an Associate Instructor, Electrical Engineering at Florida Community College, Jacksonville, FL, and Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, FL.

Scott is a FSU Omicron Delta Kappa "Grad Made Good" recipient and has received the NASA Space Flight Medal (two), Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (two), Expert Rifleman Medal, Sharpshooter Pistol Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon (two) and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.