

GERRY GRIFFIN



Gerry Griffin is the former Director of the NASA Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. His career in the United States space program began in 1960 and included senior positions in government and industry.

At NASA, in addition to his position as Director of the Johnson Space Center, he also served as the Deputy Director of the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida and the Hugh F. Dryden Flight Research Center in California.

Griffin also held the posts of Associate Administrator for External Relations and Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs at NASA Headquarters in Washington DC. In the private sector, he held senior engineering positions with Douglas Aircraft, Lockheed Missile & Space, and General Dynamics/Fort Worth.

After taking early retirement from NASA in 1986, Griffin was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce, a post he held until 1989 when he joined Korn/Ferry International, a worldwide executive search firm, as the Managing Director of the firm's Houston office. Today, Mr. Griffin is a technical and management consultant for a broad range of clients. He remains a Senior Consultant for Korn/Ferry International where he conducts search assignments for very senior level executives primarily in the firm's aerospace and defense practice.

Griffin is currently a director and former Chairman of the Board of Comarco, Inc., Lake Forest, California, a public corporation (CMRO:Nasdaq) and a founding director of the Bank of the Hills, Kerrville, Texas. He is currently an advisor with Astrolabe Ventures, a global venture capital fund devoted to investments in early stage, high technology companies whose products relate to the needs of the commercial aerospace sector.

He is a former trustee of the Universities Space Research Association, Columbia, Maryland (1999-2005), and a former member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (1999-2005).

During NASA's Apollo Program, Griffin was a Flight Director in Mission Control and served in this capacity for all of the Apollo manned missions. He was Lead Flight Director for three lunar landing missions: Apollo's 12, 15 and 17.

During the flight of Apollo 13, Griffin was scheduled to lead the lunar landing team in Mission Control. When the landing was canceled as a result of the oxygen tank explosion, he led one of the teams of flight controllers who were responsible for the safe return of the astronauts. This real life experience led to Mr. Griffin being a technical advisor for the movie ***Apollo 13*** (Universal).

Later he was a technical advisor for, and an actor in ***Contact*** (Warner Brothers) and ***Deep Impact***, (Dreamworks/SKG). Griffin is a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

Griffin is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award of Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University College of Engineering Alumni Honor Award, the Tau Beta Pi Eminent Engineer Award, and the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor Award.

Griffin holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Houston Clear Lake. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Astronautical Society.