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Law of the land (and space)

Astronaut James Reilly is sworn in as an Honorary U.S. Marshal

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Two down, two to go.

Astronaut James Reilly now has only to become a cowboy and a fireman to realize the dreams of many children.

Reilly, already one of the few who gets to travel in space, became an Honorary U.S. Marshal at a special swearing-in ceremony June 4. His selection makes him the only person who can list two of America's most captivating occupations on his resume.

"Our two agencies share something remarkable in common—both have captured the imagination of the American people," said Marshals Service Acting Director Louie McKinney. "Astronauts and Marshals have tackled missions that seemed impossible. Today they come together in one remarkable man."

Reilly received the famous trappings of a U.S. Marshal, including the circular golden "America's Star" badge and photographic identification credentials and display, complete with a carrying case for both. Only six other people have received these items as Honorary Marshals. However, none of them ever had the opportunity to wear the badge into space.

Honorary Marshals are chosen by the Director of the Marshals Service for the attention and awareness they bring to America's oldest federal law enforcement agency. Former President Ronald Reagan, actor James Arness, Sen. Robert Dole, Sen. John Warner, entertainer Bob Hope and Sony music executive Tommy Mottola all received "America's Star" for their contribution to the U.S. Marshals Service.

Reilly served as the keynote speaker at three Marshals Service management training conferences. According to information provided by the Marshals Service, his discussions on teamwork and leadership have become benchmarks for the agency. He will make a further contribution to the agency when he

carries the title of Honorary Marshal into space.

"All Honorary Marshals have raised awareness of the Marshals, but none will more than Mission Specialist Jim Reilly," McKinney said.

He then told Reilly at the ceremony: "When you were asked what kind of astronaut you wanted to be, you said,

'law enforcement astronaut.' Today you're going to be one."

Reilly is a Mission Specialist for the upcoming STS-104 crew. One of his first "official" acts was to deputize the rest of his crew, though he jokingly suggested he did it in

the hopes of being able to tell the others what to do.

In his life, Reilly has received at least two big phone calls—one from NASA and one from the U.S. Marshal's office. Both calls left him awestruck. "This is very similar to the day I got called to work here," Reilly said. "I

wasn't sure they hadn't made a mistake in selecting me as an astronaut."

While he is modest about his achievements, Reilly is proud to be an astronaut and an Honorary Marshal.

"As one of seven Honorary Marshals," he said, "it is indeed an honor for me to represent the U.S. Marshals as the first Marshal in space."

For more information on the U.S. Marshals Service please visit: <http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals/>

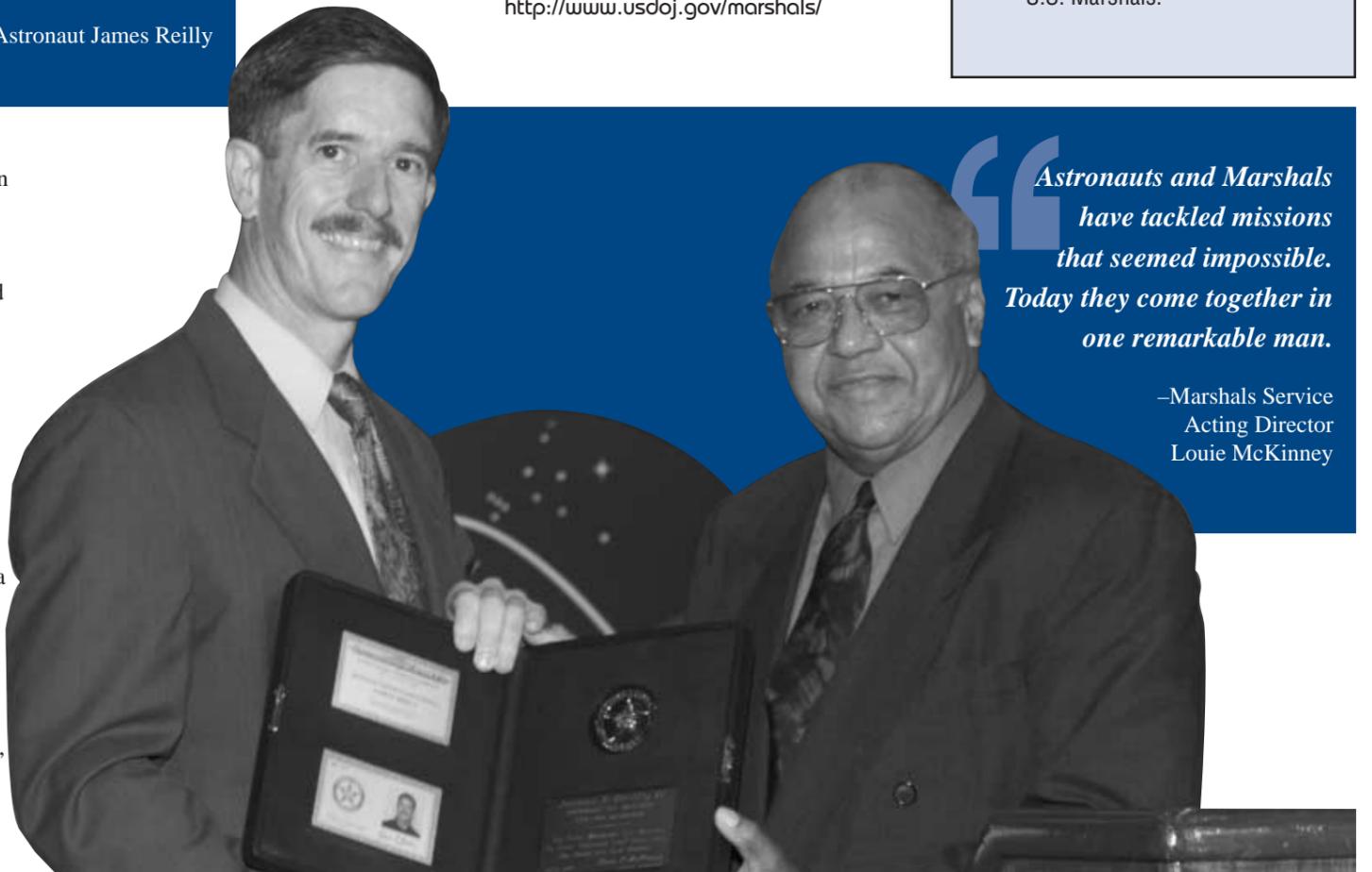


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Just-the-FACTS

- ❖ Astronaut James Reilly will be the first U.S. Marshal to fly in space.
- ❖ Established in 1789, the U.S. Marshal's Service is America's oldest federal law enforcement agency.
- ❖ Marshals have done everything from taking the census and protecting federal officials, to apprehending over half of all federal fugitives.
- ❖ Today there are 95 Marshals in 94 judicial districts.
- ❖ There are approximately 4,200 Deputy Marshals and employees stationed in more than 350 locations.
- ❖ Only seven people have been designated Honorary U.S. Marshals.



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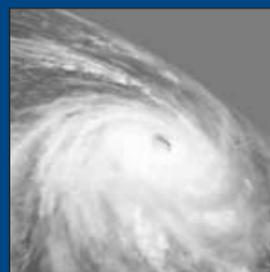
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