

Oklahoma Astronaut John Herrington Speaks Saturday at Stafford Museum

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Oklahoma astronaut John B. Herrington—the first Native American to fly in space—will speak in Weatherford on Saturday, November 22, at the Stafford Air & Space Museum.

The 7 p.m. event is partly sponsored by the SWOSU Scholars Program and is part of the museum's speaker series, *Stories at the Stafford*.

Everyone is invited to attend the presentation. Members of the Stafford Air and Space Museum have free admission, and non-members are \$7 each. SWOSU students and all students 18 and under will be admitted for \$2.

Commander Herrington will speak to museum members and guests inside the Apollo Conference Room at the Stafford Museum about his historic mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

Cmdr. Herrington flew onboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor in November 2002 as a mission specialist. During this mission, Herrington performed three spacewalks totaling over 19 hours. Herrington became the first enrolled member of a Native American tribe to fly in space on this mission.

After his successful mission to the ISS in 2002, Herrington then served as support to the ISS training efforts in the United States and Russia. He became a member of the Extravehicular Activities (EVA) Branch supporting Russian and US EVA hardware and operations. His last assignment with NASA was being selected as the Chief Engineer for Safety and Mission Assurance at the Johnson Space Center.

In 2005, Herrington retired from the US Navy and NASA and began a career in the commercial space industry. He currently serves as an ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation and as Chairman of the Board for the American Indian Institute for Innovation.