



Artemis II Astronaut Jeremy Hansen Announces Retirement from Space Agency

Description

Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen, known for his recent journey around the Moon during the Artemis II mission in April, announced on Monday his decision to reduce his full-time role as an astronaut in September. This significant change notably allows him to transition into a reservist position with the Royal Canadian Air Force, ensuring he can continue contributing to Canada's space initiatives.

In his social media announcement, Hansen clarified that this shift was "far from a departure," emphasizing his intention to remain involved in vital space activities in Canada. The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) acknowledged his contributions and highlighted his leadership throughout his tenure.

Hansen's role has marked a pivotal moment in Canada's space exploration efforts, inspiring many, particularly the youth, to envision their future in exploration. Despite his upcoming transition, neither Hansen nor the CSA disclosed specific future professional opportunities he might pursue.

Following Hansen's departure, the CSA will continue with three astronauts: David Saint-Jacques, Joshua Kutryk, and Jenni Gibbons. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney expressed gratitude for Hansen's exceptional service and noted his significant contributions to space exploration, stating that Hansen's achievements have united Canadians.

After 32 years of military service and 17 years with the CSA, Hansen described his decision as a necessary step for his career advancement. His wife, Catherine, affirmed that this transition will enable him to expand his role in the Canadian space sector without outing any particular future plans.

Hansen's participation in Artemis II was historic, marking humanity's return to the lunar vicinity after over five decades. He flew alongside NASA astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Koch, all of whom shared significant milestones during the mission. NASA aims to progress from Artemis II to subsequent missions, including Artemis III and Artemis IV, planned for the coming years.

Vocabulary List:

1. **reservist** //rɪ'zɜːvɪst// (noun): a person who serves in the military part-time
2. **transition** //træn'zɪʃən// (noun): a change from one state or job
3. **tenure** //'tɛn.jə// (noun): time someone holds a job or position
4. **pivotal** //'pɪvətəl// (adjective): very important for a result or change
5. **disclosed** //dɪ'skloʊzd// (verb): made known to other people publicly
6. **vicinity** //və'sɪnɪti// (noun): the area close to a particular place



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What position will Jeremy Hansen transition to after reducing his full-time role as an astronaut?
Option: Space Commander
Option: Reservist with the Royal Canadian Air Force
Option: Director of Canadian Space Agency
Option: NASA Astronaut
2. Which mission did Jeremy Hansen participate in that involved a journey around the Moon?
Option: Apollo 11
Option: Artemis II
Option: Gemini 12
Option: Challenger
3. Who expressed gratitude for Hansen's service and contributions to space exploration?
Option: Canadian Space Agency
Option: Prime Minister Mark Carney
Option: NASA Administrator
Option: President of Canada
4. How many years did Hansen serve in the military?
Option: 25 years
Option: 32 years
Option: 17 years
Option: 40 years
5. Which astronaut flew alongside Jeremy Hansen during the Artemis II mission?
Option: Mark Carney
Option: David Saint-Jacques
Option: Reid Wiseman
Option: Catherine Hansen
6. What is the main aim of NASA concerning the Artemis missions?
Option: Retire astronauts



- Option: Progress to subsequent Artemis missions
- Option: Cut funding
- Option: Focus solely on Earth sciences

True-False

7. Jeremy Hansen announced his decision to retire completely from being an astronaut.
8. The Canadian Space Agency acknowledged Hansen's leadership throughout his tenure.
9. Hansen's wife, Catherine, is against his transition to another role.
10. Hansen's participation in Artemis II was a historic moment for humanity's return to the lunar vicinity.
11. After Hansen's transition, the CSA will be left with only one astronaut.
12. Hansen clarified that his shift to a reservist position marks a departure from the space program.

Gap-Fill

13. Jeremy Hansen's announcement regarding his role change was made on a _____.
14. Hansen has dedicated 17 years of his career to the _____.
15. NASA aims to progress from Artemis II to Artemis III and Artemis _____.
16. Hansen's transition allows him to continue contributing to Canada's space _____.
17. The CSA will continue its missions with astronauts like David Saint-Jacques, Joshua Kutryk, and _____.
18. Hansen described his career change as a necessary step for his career _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Reservist with the Royal Canadian Air Force 2. Artemis II 3. Prime Minister Mark Carney 4. 32 years 5. Reid Wiseman 6. Progress to subsequent Artemis missions

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Monday



14. Canadian Space Agency 15. IV 16. initiatives 17. Jenni Gibbons 18. advancement

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