

Space Nation Day With Astronaut Terry Virts At The Petroleum Museum

Celebration of the Fifth Moon Pioneers Mission in Midland



Midland, Texas Mar 20, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Petroleum Museum and Space Nation are excited to announce the highly anticipated **3rd Annual Space Nation Day** on **Sunday, March 23, from 2:00 – 5:00 PM**. This year's event promises new immersive space activities featuring **former NASA astronaut, International Space Station Commander, and Air Force Colonel Terry Virts**. The event features the graduation of the crew of the fifth Moon Pioneers Mission by Space Nation, a space exploration company located at the Midland International Air & Space Port.

Space Nation Day is a unique opportunity for space curious of all ages to engage with space exploration, learn from industry experts, and participate in thrilling hands-on activities—all **completely free of charge**.

Event Highlights:

- **Meet Astronaut Terry Virts** – Enjoy a live Q&A session with the space veteran and gain insights into life beyond Earth.
- **Interactive Space Activities** – Build rovers, solve space challenges, and experience a taste of what it's like to train for space missions.

- **Exciting Space Challenges & Prizes** – Enter for a chance to win a VIP ticket valued at **\$12,500** for the **Moon Pioneers Mission**, a thrilling 3-day simulated space mission, plus other space-themed rewards.
- **Astronaut Selfies & Food Trucks** – Capture memories with Space Nation ambassadors in astronaut space suits and enjoy the delicious offerings from the local food trucks.

“With the rapid advancements in space exploration, Space Nation Day offers an inspiring glimpse into our future beyond Earth,” said **Mara Bland, Associate Director at The Petroleum Museum**. “This event will ignite curiosity and excitement about space for both kids and adults alike.”

Midland: A Hub for Future Space Settlers

Midland and West Texas continue to play a pivotal role in the future of space travel, drawing from their deep roots in the oil and gas industries to help shape the infrastructure of tomorrow’s Moon and Mars colonies. Space Nation is at the forefront of this transformation, using the region’s pioneering spirit to prepare future space explorers.

“We are training the next generation of space settlers,” said **Kalle Vähä-Jaakkola, Captain & Co-Founder of Space Nation**. “Midland’s legacy of resourcefulness and innovation is now fueling the expansion of humanity beyond Earth.”

Don’t miss this **one-of-a-kind, free event** where you can explore, learn, and be inspired.

For more information, visit <https://spacenation.org/free-event>

About the Petroleum Museum

Founded in 1975, the **Permian Basin Petroleum Museum** serves as one of the largest museums in the country dedicated to the petroleum industry and its pioneers. With exhibits that showcase the industry’s past, present, and future, the museum continues to inspire innovation and education in energy and technology.

About Space Nation

Space Nation is a leading space exploration training company dedicated to bringing the transformative power of space to the public. Through immersive experiences, Space Nation equips future astronauts, leaders, and adventurers with the knowledge and skills to take part in humanity’s expansion beyond Earth.

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