

# NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

**NAME:** M. P. "Pete" Frank III

**ORAL HISTORY:** 19 August 1997  
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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1956  
M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1962

**PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:**

United States Marine Corps  
Fighter Pilot (1954-1957)  
Temco Aircraft Corporation, Dallas, Texas  
Aerodynamics Engineer (1957-1959)  
The Martin Company, Baltimore, Maryland  
Engineering Specialist in Guidance and Control (1959-1962)

**NASA INVOLVEMENT:**

Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas  
Head, Reentry Studies Section, Mission Analysis Branch, Mission Planning and Analysis Division (MPAD), Flight Operations Directorate (FOD) (1962)  
Head, Spacecraft Guidance Section, Mission Analysis Branch, MPAD (1962-1964)  
Chief, Mission Analysis Branch, MPAD (1965-1968)  
Chief, Lunar Mission Analysis Branch, MPAD (1968)  
Flight Director, Flight Control Division, Flight Operations Directorate (1968-1972)  
Chief, Flight Directors Office, Flight Control Division, FOD (1972-1974)  
Co-chair, Apollo-Soyuz Test Project mission planning team (1972-1975)  
Chief, Flight Control Division, FOD (1974-1982)  
Chief, Flight Operations Integration Office, Mission Operations Directorate (1982-1984 – retired)

**POST-NASA EXPERIENCE:**

Unknown

**PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:**

- Member, Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honorary Society)
- Member, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)

**AWARDS & CITATIONS:**

- MSC Outstanding Performance Rating, 1968
- MSC Certificate of Commendation, 1969
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1971
- JSC Outstanding Leadership Medal, 1974
- NASA Distinguished Service Medal, 1975
- JSC Outstanding Performance Rating, 1976
- JSC Outstanding Performance Rating, 1978
- JSC Outstanding Performance Rating, 1980
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1981

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