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APOLLO 11 CREW ANNOUNCEMENT

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters said today that Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., will comprise the prime crew of the Apollo 11 space mission scheduled this summer.

Armstrong, a civilian, will be commander; Collins, an Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, will be command module pilot; and Aldrin, an Air Force Colonel will be lunar module pilot.

Backup crew for Apollo 11 will be Navy Capt. James A. Lovell, commander; Air Force Lt. Col. William A. Anders, command module pilot; and Civilian Fred W. Haise, Jr., lunar module pilot.

The crew members will meet the press at the Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Jan. 10, at 5 p.m. EST.

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Armstrong was command pilot on the Gemini 8 mission; Collins was pilot of Gemini 10; and Aldrin was pilot of Gemini 12, all 1966 missions.

Lovell was pilot on Gemini 7, command pilot on Gemini 12, in 1966; and command module pilot on the Moon-circling Apollo 8 mission last December.

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