

# Kenneth Bowersox

## Associate Administrator for Space Operations National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Kenneth Bowersox is the associate administrator for NASA's [Space Operations Mission Directorate](#). Before being appointed to that position, Bowersox served as deputy associate administrator for the Space Operations Mission Directorate.

He is a retired U.S. Naval Aviator, with over 19 years of experience at NASA. Selected to the astronaut corps in 1987, he has flown five times on NASA's [space shuttle](#), serving as pilot, commander and mission specialist, and once on a Roscosmos [Soyuz](#), where he served as the flight engineer during descent. During his five orbital missions, Bowersox has logged over 211 days in space, including five and a half months aboard the [International Space Station](#), where he was the mission commander of the 6th expedition. He was also a crew member for the first two [Hubble Space Telescope](#) repair flights and two United States microgravity laboratory flights.

Subsequent to his mission aboard the International Space Station, Bowersox served as the director of the NASA's [Johnson Space Center](#) Flight Crew Operations Directorate in Houston, retiring from NASA and the U.S. Navy in December 2006. After retirement, he remained involved with the U.S. space exploration program as a member of the standing review boards for the International Space Station, Space Shuttle, and the Constellation Programs. From 2009-2011, Bowersox was the Vice President of Astronaut Safety and Mission Assurance at SpaceX. Ken also worked as an independent technical consultant, advising clients on spacecraft design, proposal development, and providing independent assessment of technical programs. He joined the NASA Advisory Council in November 2013, and served as Chair of the Human Exploration and Operations Committee. Bowersox also served as the Interim Chair of the NASA Advisory Council from June 2016 to January 2017.

