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**Former VP and General Manager, Propulsion Systems, Northrop Grumman,**  
**Former Chief Astronaut, NASA**

Charlie Precourt currently serves a director for several corporate and aviation organization boards, including NASA's Aerospace Advisory Panel.

Charlie retired from Northrop Grumman in 2021 having served there as the Vice President and General Manager for the company's Propulsion Systems Division. He led a workforce of 3,000 employees at three plants in Utah, providing rocket propulsion systems and technologies including NASA's Artemis program Space Launch System and Orion Launch Abort System, the US Navy Trident D5 and USAF Minuteman and Sentinel nuclear missile systems, as well as Satellite Launcher boost propulsion for the Delta, Atlas and Vulcan launch vehicles.

Prior to joining Northrop Grumman Charlie served 15 years at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration where he was as an Astronaut and a program manager in the Senior Executive Service. He is a veteran of four Space Shuttle missions, his first in 1993 on Columbia and then piloted Atlantis for the first Shuttle docking with the Russian Mir Space Station in 1995. He commanded two additional docking missions to the Mir Space Station on Atlantis and Discovery. He also served as Director of Operations for NASA at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia. From 1998 through 2002, Precourt was Chief of the Astronaut Corps, responsible for the selection, training and mission certification of all Space Shuttle and International Space Station crews. In 2003 Charlie was appointed Deputy Program Manager for the International Space Station, responsible for the day-to-day management of ISS operations, on orbit assembly and the interfaces with NASA contractors and the ISS International Partners. Charlie was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame at the Kennedy Space Center in 2012.

Prior to joining NASA, Charlie served twenty-three years in the US Air Force, retiring as a Colonel. He entered USAF active duty upon commissioning from the US Air Force Academy in 1977. He completed US Air Force Pilot Training in 1978 and served as an

instructor pilot at Reese Air Force Base in Texas. From 1981 to 1984 he was an F-15 pilot and flight commander at Bitburg Air Base in Germany, and then attended the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB and served as a test pilot on the F-15E developmental test program and later as an instructor at the USAF Test Pilot School.

Charlie was recognized for his contributions to business aircraft safety with the Bombardier Safety Standdown Award in 2022 and Flight Safety Foundation's Meritorious Service Award in 2025. He has accumulated over 13,000 hours in 110 different aircraft types and holds numerous FAA ratings.

A native of Hudson, Massachusetts, Charlie received a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering from the United States Air Force Academy in 1977 and attended the French Air Force Academy in 1976 as part of an exchange program. He earned a Master of Science degree in engineering management from Golden Gate University in 1988, and a Master of Arts degree in national security affairs and strategic studies from the United States Naval War College in 1990 and completed executive coursework in business administration at Wharton in 2012 and 2013.