



BIOGRAPHY

Chris Cassidy

Retired NASA Astronaut

Christopher J. Cassidy was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 2004 and is a veteran of three



space flights: STS-127, Expedition 35 and Expedition 63. During STS-127, Cassidy served as a mission specialist and was the 500th person in history to fly into space. This mission delivered the Japanese Experiment Module Exposed Facility (JEM-EF) and the Experiment Logistics Module Exposed Section (ELM-ES) International Space Station (ISS). For Expedition 35, Cassidy and NASA astronaut Tom Marshburn had their unplanned spacewalk to replace a pump controller box. Several months later Cassidy and European Space Agency (ESA) Luca Parmitano had a space walk cut short when Parmitano had a cooling water leak into his helmet. Cassidy most recently served as commander of the ISS for Expedition 63. He has spent over 377 days in space and is tied for the most spacewalks by an American astronaut.

Cassidy, a U.S. Navy SEAL, has been deployed twice to the Mediterranean and twice to Afghanistan. He received the Bronze Star with combat "V" and Presidential Unit Citation for leading a nine-day operation at the Zhawar Kili cave complex, a national priority objective on the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. Cassidy recently served as commander on the International Space Station for Expedition 63.

Cassidy was born in 1970 in Salem, Massachusetts, and considers York, Maine, to be his hometown. He is married with five children between the two of them. His recreational interests include traveling, biking, camping, snow skiing, weight lifting, running, basketball, real estate and home improvement.