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John Herschel Glenn, Jr., first American to make an earth orbital space flight. The former United States Marine Corps combat pilot and record-breaking test pilot was one of America's original seven Mercury Project astronauts and made his three-orbit flight in his Friendship 7 spacecraft Feb. 20, 1962. Glenn retired from the astronaut program in 1964 and from the Marine Corps as a colonel this year. He is now in a private business and also serves as a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He lives in Seabrook, Texas.

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