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Michael Lammers

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Mike Lammers is currently a Flight Director at NASA's Johnson Space Center. The Flight Director Office provides Mission Control leadership for NASA's International Space Station and Artemis human spaceflight programs. Flight Directors lead teams of flight controllers and astronauts who support program planning and operations integration, develop flight rules, procedures, and flight plans for human spaceflight missions, and oversee the training and execution of those missions from Mission Control in Houston.

Mr. Lammers has 30 years of experience in human spaceflight, including 18 years as a Flight Director. He has led teams in Mission Control that directly control the International Space Station and crewed Orion and Starliner vehicles, as well as executing numerous special projects within those programs. He has also managed the planning and execution of many joint operations with NASA's international and contractor partners, including proximity operations of Russian Soyuz and Progress vehicles, SpaceX Dragon, Northrop Grumman Cygnus, the Japanese HTV, and the European ATV cargo vehicles. Mr. Lammers has additionally managed the development and execution of several spacewalks.

Mr. Lammers is one of three Ascent/Entry Flight Directors at NASA, who direct Mission Control during liftoff and the powered ascent and entry phases of NASA crewed spacecraft missions.

He is currently the lead Flight Director for the Artemis III Earth orbit rendezvous demonstration mission, scheduled for 2027. Prior to this assignment, he was Deputy Chief of the Flight Director Office.

He is the recipient of the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, Outstanding Leadership Medal, Exceptional Service Medal, and the Silver Snoopy. He holds degrees in Aerospace Engineering from Iowa State University and the University of Houston and lives in Houston, Texas with his family.