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Newest Spacecraft Lands at National Naval Aviation Museum
One Day Only

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11

Pensacola, Fla.—August 7, 2009—Discover the newest spacecraft destined to carry future explorers to the moon with a special one-day exhibit of the NASA Orion Crew Module from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the National Naval Aviation Museum. This rare opportunity is an exciting chance to see the module before it reaches its final destination at the Johnson Space Center in Texas and to obtain information about it firsthand from a NASA representative.

The mockup module is used in tests to study the environment for astronauts and recovery crews after an Orion splashdown. Once it arrives at the Johnson Space Center, the next phase of Post-landing Orion Recovery Testing (PORT) will begin. The module will be outfitted with seats, restraints and other items that can affect how crews get into and out of the Orion, as well as test the crew's ability to get out of the Orion in calm water. NASA's Constellation Program is developing America's next-generation human spaceflight system that will carry astronauts to the International Space Station, back to the moon and destinations beyond. America's next space fleet includes the Orion crew exploration vehicle, the Ares I rocket that will launch it, the Ares V cargo launch vehicle and the Altair lunar lander. For more information about NASA's Constellation Program, visit nasa.gov/constellation.

The National Naval Aviation Museum features FREE admission and a full slate of events throughout the year. For a complete list of events, exhibits and attractions at the Museum, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org or call the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at (850) 453-2389 or (800) 327-5002.

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About the National Naval Aviation Museum

The National Naval Aviation Museum features nearly 300,000 square feet of displays and is one of the world's largest aviation museums. Located aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station, the facility boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation and is Florida's most-visited museum. Among the countless things to touch, see and experience are thrilling Top Gun Air Combat flight simulators, a variety of special exhibits as well as the drama and power of amazing IMAX® films. The Cubi Bar Café offers a unique dining experience, and the Flight Deck Store is the perfect place to find a memento of the spirit of Naval aviation. Museum admission is free. The National Naval Aviation Museum is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org.

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