



ALAN "AL" SHEPARD, JR.
Explorer (1923 - 1998)

Rear Admiral Al Shepard was an American naval officer and aviator. In May of 1961 he became the second person and first American to travel in space. In 1971 at age 47 Shepard was the oldest astronaut in the program when he commanded the Apollo 14 mission, and piloted the lander Antares in the most accurate landing of the Apollo missions. Shepard was the 5th, and oldest, person to walk on the moon — he hit two golf balls on the surface.