



AIAA San Diego Section invites you to

## Distinguished Lecturer 2018 “FLIGHTS OF DISCOVERY”

**Thu, 26 April 2018 starting at 5:30 PM**

**A presentation by Ken Szalai – former NASA Armstrong FRC Director**



Significant high-risk and advanced experimental flight research programs are described in pictures and videos along discoveries that sprang from “**expanding the envelope**”.

Flight programs that paved the way for human spaceflight are also shown. These experimental flight projects made breakthroughs and provided a foundation for today’s aircraft.

Mr. Szalai provides a unique view of NASA experimental flight research. Some examples include the F-8 Digital Fly-by-Wire, X-29 Forward Swept Wing, F-18 High AOA, and X-31 Highly Maneuverable A/C. The factors that led to the loss of an X-plane are also explained.



**Location: Northrop Grumman\***

9356 Spectrum Center Blvd,  
San Diego, CA 92123

**\*US CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED!**

5:30 Check-In and Social  
6:00 Dinner  
6:30 Presentation and Q&A

Please RSVP by noon 23 Apr at the link below

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