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## Francisco "Frank" Rubio

(M.D.) (Major, U.S. Army) NASA Astronaut Candidate

### Summary:

Dr. Frank Rubio has been selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class. He will report for duty in August 2017. The Florida native graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and earned a Doctorate of Medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Prior to attending medical school, he served as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot and flew more than 1,100 hours, including more than 600 hours of combat and imminent danger time during deployments to Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Rubio is a board certified family physician and flight surgeon. At the time of his selection, he was serving in the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne).

### Personal Data:

Rubio was born in Los Angeles, California, but considers Miami, Florida, his hometown. He is married to Deborah Rubio, and the couple has four children. His mother, Myrna Argueta, lives in El Salvador.

### Education:

Graduated from Miami Sunset Senior High School in Miami, Florida. Earned a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Earned a Doctorate of Medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Family Medicine Residency at Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia.

### Experience:

Rubio served as a platoon leader in A Company, 2-82<sup>nd</sup> Assault Aviation (REDHAWKS), and as a company commander in A Company, 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation (STORM). Rubio also served as a clinic supervisor, an executive medicine provider and a flight surgeon at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. At the time of his selection in June 2017, Rubio was a battalion surgeon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) in the U.S. Army.

### NASA Experience:

Rubio will report for duty in August 2017, to begin two years of training as an Astronaut Candidate. Upon completion, he will be assigned technical duties in the Astronaut Office while he awaits a flight assignment.

**Awards/Honors:** Rubio has been awarded the Bronze Star (second award), Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Army Commendation Medal (fourth award), and Army Achievement Medal (fourth award). He is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, US Army Aviation Captain's Career Course and Officer Basic Course, Joint Firepower Control Course, Cavalry Leader's Course, and the US Army Flight Surgeon Course. He has earned the US Army Senior Aviator, Pathfinder, Air Assault, and Airborne badges.