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The U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame publicly honors an elite group, just 91 of 500 U.S. space travellers, who accomplished exceptional feats in space and helped advance space exploration. Dr. Seddon, along with fellow 2015 inductees John Grunsfeld, Steve Lindsey, and Kent Rominger were honored Saturday, May 30 at the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame at the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, Florida.

Dr. Seddon made many significant contributions to the NASA program during her 19-year career. In 1978 she was selected as one of the first six women to enter the astronaut program and flew aboard her first shuttle flight in 1985. She deployed two satellites, operated the Remote Manipulator Arm and performed the first echocardiography in space. She was selected to serve as a Mission Specialist on the first shuttle flight dedicated entirely to the life sciences research in 1991. In 1993, she was the Payload Commander in charge of all science activities on Spacelab Life Sciences 2 and performed the first animal dissections in space.

During her acceptance speech, Dr. Seddon explained her focus on life sciences in space; she said that while for decades astronauts have been explorers looking outward at the stars or looking down at earth, she wanted to study the explorers.

After NASA, Dr. Seddon served as the Assistant Chief Medical Officer at the Vanderbilt Medical Group for 11 years. During her tenure at Vanderbilt, she and fellow astronaut Dr. Drew Gaffney worked with LifeWings personnel to refine LifeWings’ groundbreaking patient safety improvement program. She now serves on the LifeWings Board of Governors and is instrumental in ensuring the continued evolution of its programs.

She also devotes her time to speaking and consulting and recently released her memoir, “Go for Orbit.” More information about Dr. Seddon’s career and awards can be found at www.saferpatients.com/about-us/leadership/rhea-seddon/.

About LifeWings
LifeWings Partners, LLC is a team of physicians, nurses, Toyota-trained Lean experts, health risk managers, astronauts, military surgeons, and flight crews. The team was the first in the U.S. to study the best practices of organizations with high reliability, and successfully adapt their strategies for use in health care. They have distilled the methodology used in commercial aviation, military aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, and cutting-edge manufacturing to help health care organizations create safe, efficient, high-quality hospitals and clinics.
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