

A photograph of astronaut Ed White in a white space suit, floating in space against a blue background. He is holding a coiled orange umbilical cord. The text "Today in History" is overlaid in white at the bottom of the image.

# Today in History

*June 3, 1965*

▲ Major Ed White made the first spacewalk by a U.S. astronaut, an experience he enjoyed so much that he had to be ordered back into the Gemini 4 spacecraft

**1950:** A French expedition made the first successful ascent of the Himalayan peak of Annapurna

**2000:** The U.S. and Russia agreed to reduce their stockpiles of plutonium, used to make nuclear weapons

**2014:** Syria's presidential election gave President Bashar al-Assad a third seven-year term in office

**2014:** Scientists announced the discovery of a new type of potentially habitable planet