



Today in History

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▲ **John Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth, died at age 95. At age 77 he returned to space on the shuttle Discovery, becoming the world's oldest astronaut**

1941: The U.S., Britain and Australia declared war on Japan following the attack on Pearl Harbour

1966: A ban on nuclear weapons in space was agreed by 28 countries, including the U.S. and Soviet Union

1991: The former Soviet republics of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine created a Commonwealth of Independent States

2000: The five-man space shuttle crew became the first visitors to the International Space Station