



OBJECT ID	2015.14.7
OBJECT NAME	Plaque
OBJECT COLLECTION	Helias Doundoulakis Collection (is part of)
OBJECT ENTITIES	Doundoulakis, Helias (is related to) Lovell, James (is related to) Swigert, Jack (is related to) Haise, Fred (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Portrait, 2021.24.1
ACCESS POINTS	astronaut moon NASA

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

An award on blue cardboard with a border of black stars. It reads in black ink: A Piece of "Aquarius" (LM-7) / Launched 4-11-70 - Splashdown 4-17-70 / Presented to H. Doundoulakis / Thanks for a job well done! From the Apollo 13 Crew" Signed by James Lovell, Jack Swigert, and Fred Haise. Attached to the right side of the cardboard is a piece of netting from Aquarius.

ORIGIN

This came with the label, "Thanks to Helias Doundoulakis from Apollo 13 Astronauts. Helias Doundoulakis had designed the oxygen tank that brought them back to Earth.

Apollo 13 was the seventh manned mission in the American Apollo space program and the third intended to land on the Moon. The craft was launched on April 11, 1970, at 13:13 CST from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, but the lunar landing was aborted after an oxygen tank exploded two days later, crippling the Service Module (SM) upon which the Command Module (CM) depended. Despite great hardship caused by limited power, loss of cabin heat, shortage of potable water, and the critical need to jury-rig the carbon dioxide removal system, the crew returned safely to Earth on April 17.

Aquarius was the Lunar Module (LM) attached to the ship. They jettisoned it before reentering Earth's atmosphere and it eventually burned up when it reentered Earth's atmosphere.

CITATION

Plaque, Helias Doundoulakis Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 08/07/25.