

The Aerospace & Defense Forum



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**A Virtual Santa Clarita Valley Chapter Meeting**

**"Take Risk, Don't Fail,  
The Power of Leadership, Innovation and  
Collaboration"**

**Presenter:**

**Brian Muirhead  
Mars Sample Return Campaign  
Chief Architect  
NASA, Jet Propulsion Laboratory**

Santa Clarita Valley Chapter

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Meeting & Presentation:  
8:00-9:00am PST

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We are pleased to host Mr. Brian Muirhead from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) to share some key aspects of how the challenges and risks of space exploration can be applied to leadership and innovation as we navigate this world of uncertainty and disruptive change. Brian is a key leader for the mission to Mars and will discuss how constraints can drive innovation while managing significant risk to achieve success. The following areas will be discussed based on lessons learned from the Mars Pathfinder mission and ongoing development with the Mars Sample Return and beyond:

- Leadership: "Glue and Grease"
- Innovation: Ideas, Constraints and Execution

See meeting logistics information below.

## June 18, 2020 Meeting

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- In the interest of time for this meeting, we will not be doing individual 5-word speech introductions.
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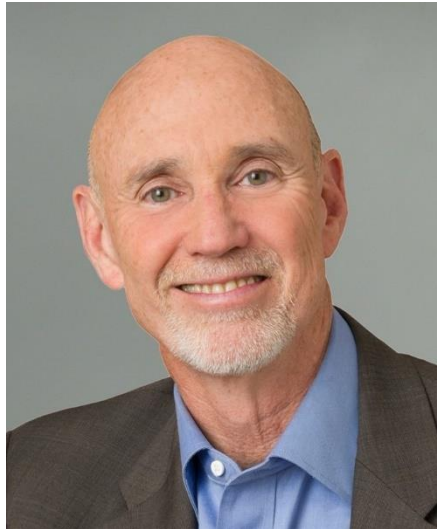
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## Presenter



**Brian Muirhead** has 42 years of experience in the development and leadership of flight projects at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and a JPL Fellow. He is the recipient of two of NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medals for his work on Mars Pathfinder and Constellation. Brian is currently leading the study of NASA's Mars Sample Return campaign as Chief Architect and Chief

Engineer.

## Planned Chapter Meetings

- o Thursday, July 16, 2020: "**Cybersecurity**", Chris Buthe, CMTC
- o Thursday, August 20, 2020: "**Thrive by Adaptation - Navigating Current A&D Situations**"
- o Thursday, September 17, 2020: TBD
- o Thursday, October 15, 2020: TBD

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