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American astronaut who walked on the Moon and commanded the first crew to live aboard the *Skylab* space station. Conrad's handling of the lunar module *Intrepid* during the *Apollo 12* mission of November 1969 showed that pinpoint lunar landings were possible—a prerequisite for the science-oriented missions that followed. His three-member crew spent a month aboard *Skylab* in 1973, carrying out scientific experiments and repairing damage that the space station had suffered during launch.