

Re: more trash talk about OM

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> *Oh for crying out loud. Now Gus, Ed, and Roger were not performing
> their duties as members of the military; they were rehearsing for the
> Daytona 500. How silly of me.*

They were performing their duties as members of NASA. It happens that, due to the requirements for astronaut selection, that most, but not all, of the early astronauts were active duty military test pilots on detached duty to NASA. Two of the men who walked on the moon were civilians.