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Name: KOENIG, JOHN ROBERT
Date of Birth: MARCH 17, 1957
Place of Birth: BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, U.S.A.
Assigned Alpha: SEPTEMBER 9, 1999 (FIRST TOUR OF DUTY)
Job Assignment: COMMANDER

One of America's leading astrophysicists, John Koenig has been responsible for the planning, ground control and execution of many successful space missions. Asked to help on the design of Moonbase Alpha, he was gradually drawn into the position of Commander. Koenig has an unmatched flair for leadership, sharing his concern for the scientific aspects of a job with consideration for the safety and well-being of those working beside him.

John Koenig has a highly efficient, computer-like mind and, apparently, nerves of steel. He also has the ability to observe a situation from every possible angle, sometimes causing an emotional strain that is apt to make him short-tempered and moody. Yet despite, or perhaps because of these qualities, the men and women of the runaway Moon look to him for guidance in their times of need.

He has been married, but his wife was killed in the thermonuclear war. Koenig's interest in the space program goes back to the 1960s when, as a schoolboy, he watched Neil Armstrong set foot on the Moon and imagined that it was his "giant step." He may have grown up in the space age, but one suspects that he is not too happy with the state of humanity as it nears the 21st century. He is perhaps best described as a man with one foot in the past and one about to set down in the future.