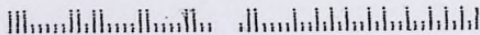


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SPACE SHUTTLE (STS-126 / ENDEAVOUR)

Space Shuttle Endeavour with a crew of seven astronauts on Mission STS-126 is the 27th flight to the International Space Station (ISS). One of the mission's primary objectives is for the crew to temporarily attach a reusable logistics module, named Leonardo, to the orbiting station. The Italian-built "cargo carrier" will transport equipment and supplies essential to sustain a crew of six on the ISS and will include expanded crew quarters, a second treadmill, life support equipment, and space hardware that will be added permanently to the outpost. Leonardo will be returned to Endeavour's payload bay and brought back to Earth. There will also be a series of EVAs (spacewalks) and robotic operations planned during the 15-day flight. In addition, the shuttle will deliver a new space station crew member and bring back another one after a six-month station tour.

THE STS-126 CREW – Veteran astronaut **Christopher J. Ferguson** will command the Endeavour crew on STS-126. He has logged 12 days in space since his selection to the astronaut corps in 1998. First-time space flier **Eric A. Boe**, a former combat-instructor-test pilot, is the shuttle pilot. An astronaut since 2000, he once served as NASA's director of operations at the Russian cosmonaut training center. The STS-126 mission specialists are: First-time shuttle fliers **Stephen G. Bowen**, the first submarine officer selected by NASA in 2000 for the astronaut program, and **Robert S. Kimbrough**, a former attack helicopter platoon leader and battalion operations officer, has been an astronaut since 2004. Veteran spacewalker **Heidemarie M. Stefanyshyn-Piper**, an astronaut since 1996, has logged 12 days in space, including more than 13 hours in two EVAs. Former Expedition-6 science officer **Donald R. Pettit**, an astronaut since 1996, has logged over 161 days in space, including over 13 EVA hours. **Sandra H. Magnus**, an astronaut since 1998 with a shuttle flight to her credit, will remain on the orbiting outpost as a resident crew member of Expedition 18. She will be replacing Expedition 17 science officer and flight engineer **Gregory E. Chamitoff**, who will return home from the space station with the crew of STS-126/Endeavour.

THE STS-126 CREW INSIGNIA – The STS-126 patch represents shuttle Endeavour on its mission to help complete the assembly of the ISS. The inner patch outline depicts the cargo carrier Leonardo. Near the center of the emblem, the constellation Orion reflects the goals of the human space flight program, returning us to the moon and on to Mars, the red planet, which are also shown. At the top of the patch is the gold symbol of the astronaut office. The sunburst, just clearing the horizon of the Earth, powers all of these efforts through the solar arrays of the ISS current configuration orbiting high above.