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SHUTTLE MISSION 51-E

51-E INSIGNIA — The dominant feature of the 51-E emblem is an orbit formed by a Colonial American flag and a Space Shuttle. The flag in orbit signifies the U.S. presence in space and pre-eminence in manned spaceflight as exemplified by the Shuttle. The orbiter flies out of the U.S. flag to indicate that it comes from this country and the American people. The original 13-star flag is used to symbolize a continuity of technical achievement and progress since colonial times. The Space Shuttle for this mission is Challenger, which bears its name after an earlier sailing ship involved in exploration of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The crewmembers are Karol J. Bobko, Donald E. Williams, Rhea Seddon, S. David Griggs and Jeffrey A. Hoffman of NASA; and Patrick Baudry, representing the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales; and U.S. Sen. Jake Garn. The French flag is displayed next to Baudry's name signifying the French Government's participation in this flight.