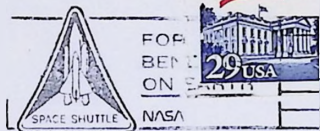


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STS-55 CREW INSIGNIA — The patch design for Shuttle Mission STS-55 displays the Orbiter spaceplane with the Spacelab module over an Earth-sky background. The 9-day mission is the second dedicated German Spacelab flight (designated D-2 as the "D" is for Deutsche). Depicted beneath Orbiter Columbia are the American and German flags flying together, representing the partnership of this laboratory research spaceflight. The two blue stars in the border with the crew members' names signify each of the backup payload specialists, Gerhard Thiele and Renate Brümmer. The stars in the sky stand for each of the children of the astronaut crew in symbolic representation of the space program's legacy to future generations. The 5-color rainbow symbolizes the hope for a brighter tomorrow because of the knowledge and technologies gained from the mission's multi-faceted experiment. The 7-member crew will be commanded by Steven R. Nagel and piloted by T. Tom Henricks. Mission Specialist/Payload Commander is Jerry L. Ross along with Missions Specialists Charles J. Precourt and Bernard A. Harris, Jr. The two German payload specialists are Hans Schlegel and Ulrich Walter.