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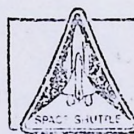
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SPACE SHUTTLE (STS-36/ATLANTIS)

STS-36 CREW INSIGNIA — The crewmembers of Space Shuttle Mission 34 (designated STS-36) designed this emblem as their official crew patch. The dominate theme of the STS-36 patch is, in their words, "... the essential role that space plays in preserving the blessings of freedom and liberty for America." The crew used the eagle to symbolize "our country's commitment to strength and vigilance; its domain is not bound by the limits of Earth but reaches out to the stars." "The Shuttle," they express, "majestically beginning its journey into orbit, demonstrates how man and machine work together for the security of our nation." STS-36 astronauts are John O. Creighton, commander; John H. Casper, pilot; David C. Hilmers, Richard M. Mullane and Pierre J. Thuot, mission specialists.