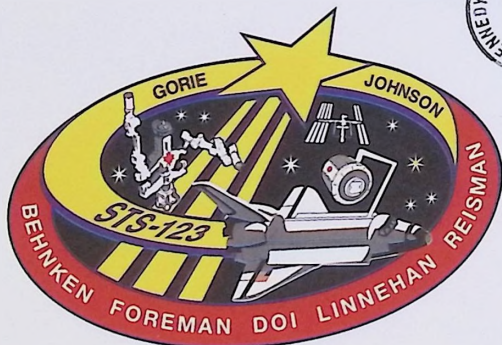
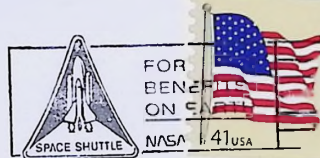




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SPACE SHUTTLE (STS-123 / ENDEAVOUR)

STS-123 is the first of a series of shuttle flights that will launch components to the International Space Station (ISS) for the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). Space Shuttle Endeavour, with a crew of seven, will deliver the first section of Japan's Kibo experiment laboratory and the Canadian Space Agency's two-armed robotic system, Dextre. There will be a series of spacewalks (EVAs) and robotic operations during the planned 16-day mission. STS-123, also designated as flight 1J/A in the ISS assembly sequence, will be the 25th flight to the space station complex. In addition, the crew of Endeavour will deliver various spare ISS components and leave behind the sensor boom used for inspecting the shuttle's thermal protection system.

THE STS-123 CREW – A veteran of three spaceflights, **Dominic L. Gorie** will command shuttle Endeavour on Mission STS-123. He has logged more than 32 days in space since his selection to the astronaut corps in 1994. First-time space flier **Gregory H. Johnson**, selected to the astronaut program in 1998, will be making his first space trip as the shuttle pilot. The STS-123 mission specialists are; Three-time shuttle flight veteran **Richard M. Linnehan**, an astronaut since 1992, has logged 43 days in space, including 3 spacewalks. A member of the 2000 astronaut class, **Robert L. Behnken**, will be making his first space trip as part of the crew's EVA team and will operate the ISS robotic arm. Another first-time shuttle flier is **Michael J. Foreman**, an astronaut since 1998, is part of the crew's spacewalk team. Japan's **Takao Doi** was first selected as an astronaut in 1985 for Spacelab payload specialist training. A veteran of a previous shuttle flight, he has logged 376 hours in space and was the first Japanese astronaut to conduct a spacewalk. **Garrett E. Reisman**, an astronaut since 1998, is on the spacewalk team and will remain on the orbiting station as a resident crew member of Expedition 16/17. He will be replacing Europe's flight engineer Leopold Eyharts, who will return home on Endeavour.

THE STS-123 CREW INSIGNIA – The crew patch depicts the space shuttle in orbit with crew names trailing behind. STS-123's major additions to the ISS are both illustrated: Japan's logistics module and the new Canadian Dextre robotics manipulator. The ISS, shown in the upper right-hand portion of the emblem, is in the configuration that the STS-123 crew will encounter when they arrive at the outpost on flight day 2.