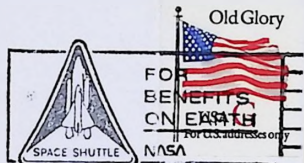


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Two of the primary objectives of Space Shuttle Mission STS-69 are to perform the operations necessary to meet the requirements of the Wake Shield Facility (WSF) free-flying experiment platform, and to deploy and retrieve the SPARTAN-201 free-flying satellite.

Shuttle Endeavour will lift off from Launch Pad 39A with a crew of five astronauts for a scheduled 11-day spaceflight mission. In addition to several other experiments, a spacewalk (EVA) is scheduled during the flight. It will be performed to assess space suit performance and to test assembly/maintenance tools and tasks needed during construction of the international space station.

**THE STS-69 CREW**—Veteran space flyer David M. Walker (Capt., USN) will command Endeavour's 9th flight into space. An astronaut since 1979, he has logged 464 hours in space during his first three Shuttle flights. Pilot Kenneth D. Cockrell became an astronaut in 1991 and STS-69 will be his second trip into space. Mission Specialist James S. Voss (Col., USA) will oversee the many planned experiment activities as payload commander of STS-69, his third spaceflight. Mission Specialist James H. Newman will make his second trip into space since becoming an astronaut in 1991. He has a doctorate in physics. The spaceflight rookie on the crew is Michael L. Gernhardt, also a mission specialist. He is a former deep sea diver with a doctorate in bioengineering and became an astronaut in 1992.

**THE STS-69 CREW INSIGNIA**—The crew patch for STS-69 symbolizes the multifaceted nature of this mission. The primary payload, the Wake Shield Facility, is represented in the center of the emblem by the astronaut logo against a flat disk. The two stylized Shuttles highlight the ascent and entry phases of the mission and, along with the two spiral plumes, symbolize a NASA first: the deployment and recovery on the same mission of two spacecraft, Wake Shield and Spartan. Star constellations Canis Major and Canis Minor represent the astronomy objectives of the Spartan and an ultraviolet experiment payload that symbolize the talents and dedication of the support personnel who make Space Shuttle missions possible.