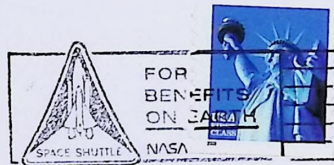


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The primary objective of STS-98 is to deliver and install the U.S. Destiny Laboratory onto the International Space Station (ISS). Destiny is the centerpiece of the station and the site where unprecedented science experiments will be performed in space. The weightless laboratory will also be the nerve center of the ISS; performing guidance, control, power distribution, and life support functions. While at the station, the Shuttle astronauts on Mission STS-98 (also designated ISS Flight 5A) will conduct three spacewalks and use Space Shuttle Atlantis' robotic arm to complete these tasks during the 11-day flight.

THE STS-98 CREW – The five-member crew will be commanded by **Kenneth D. Cockrell**, an astronaut for more than 9 years, is a veteran of three previous spaceflights. He has logged more than 906 hours in space as both a commander and pilot. First-time space flier **Mark L. Polansky**, a former test pilot, will be the Shuttle pilot. He was selected as an astronaut candidate in 1996 and has logged over 5000 flight hours in over 30 different aircraft. The three mission specialist are: **Robert L. Curbeam Jr.**, a former test pilot, has been a NASA astronaut since 1995. The one-time shuttle veteran has logged more than 284 hours in space; A veteran of three shuttle flights, **Thomas D. Jones**, has logged over 40 days (963 hours) in space since becoming an astronaut in 1991; A veteran of four spaceflights, **Marsha S. Ivins**, has logged over 1009 hours in space since her first space trip in 1990. She was selected in the NASA Astronaut Class of 1984.

THE STS-98 CREW INSIGNIA – The crew patch for STS-98 depicts the Shuttle with Destiny held high above the Orbiter's payload bay just before its attachment to the ISS. Red and white stripes, with a deep blue field of white stars, border the Shuttle and Destiny to symbolize the continuing contribution of the United States to the ISS. The constellation Hercules, seen just below Destiny, captures the Shuttle and Station's team efforts in bringing the promise of orbital scientific research to life. The reflection of Earth in the lab's window emphasizes the connection between space exploration and life on Earth.