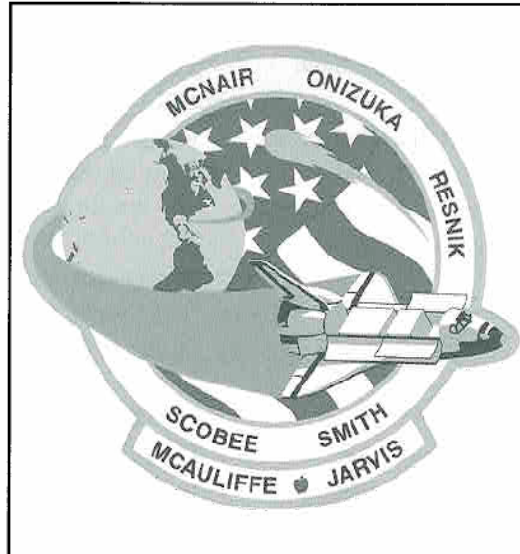


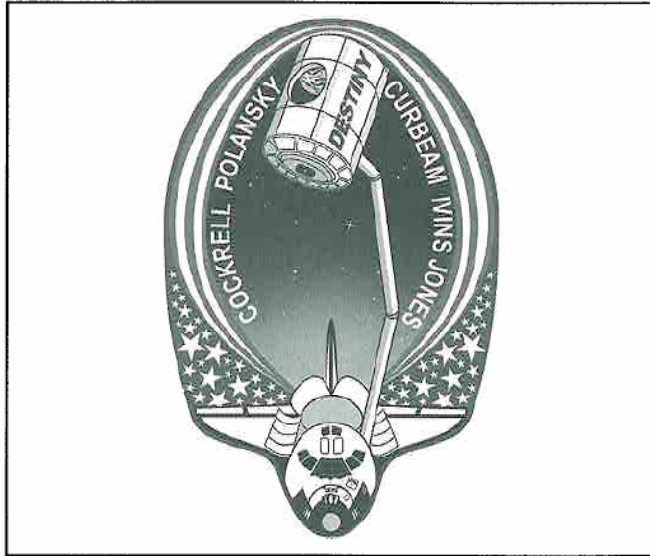
Mission Patch Description



51-L Mission Patch

This patch symbolizes the mission of shuttle flight 51-L, to fly and to teach. The shuttle, being launched from the United States of America, encircles the planet to signify its U.S. presence in space to explore new frontiers. The shuttle in flight with open cargo doors represents the 51-L mission to launch a communication satellite (TDRSS), to collect data from Comet Halley, and to conduct scientific experiments. The apple next to the teacher's name signifies the educational mission of the crew to touch the future through the lessons taught in space. The scene is encircled by the surnames of the crew members. They were astronauts Francis R.(Dick) Scobee, commander; Michael J. Smith, pilot; Ron McNair, Ellison Onizuka, and Judy Resnik, all mission specialists; Greg Jarvis, payload specialist; and Christa McAuliffe, teacher.

Mission Patch Description



STS-98 Mission Patch

This mission marked a major milestone in assembly of the International Space Station (ISS). Atlantis' crew delivered the United States Laboratory, Destiny, to the ISS. The crew patch depicts the Space Shuttle with Destiny held high above the 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 Destiny's window emphasizes the connection between space exploration and life on Earth. Shuttle crew members are: Kenneth Cockrell, commander; Mark Polansky, pilot; and mission specialists Robert Curbeam, Marsha Mins, and Thomas Jones.