

STS-26 EMBLEM -- Crew patch for the 26th Space Shuttle flight depicts major mission themes: a new beginning (sunrise), a safe mission (stylized launch and plume), the building upon the traditional strengths of the U.S. space program (pointed vector that symbolizes aeronautics on the original National Aeronautics and Space Administration insignia), and a remembrance of the seven colleagues who died aboard the Shuttle Challenger in January 1986 (seven-starred Big Dipper). Surrounding are surnames of crewmembers Frederick Hauck (commander), Richard Covey (pilot) and George Nelson, John Lounge and David Hilmers (mission specialists). The launching from Florida is tentatively scheduled for summer 1988. (87-1694-C)

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