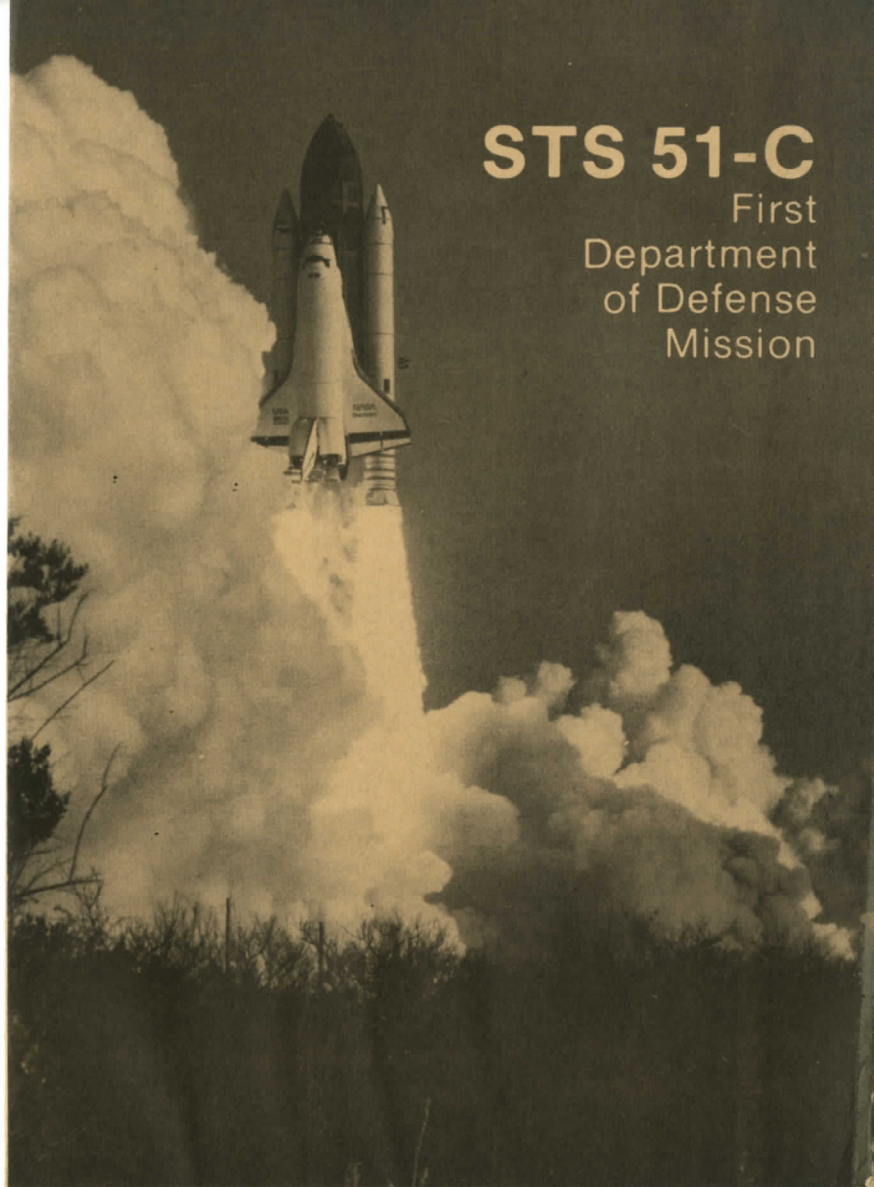


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## The First Department of Defense Space Shuttle Mission

The Space Shuttle "*Discovery*" is scheduled to launch from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida on January 23, 1985. The launch period will be from 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST. Actual lift off time will be within the scheduled three hour launch period. Shuttle orbit parameters and mission duration will not be released prior to launch to insure Department of Defense security requirements are met. The flight will terminate with landing at either the Kennedy Space Center, Florida or Edwards Air Force Base, California.

The primary objectives of this flight are to meet the Department of Defense mission goals and to operate the Space Shuttle in a classified mode; thereby demonstrating the Space Shuttle as a viable launch vehicle to meet all national objectives and requirements.

*You are cordially invited  
by the Space Shuttle crew  
to the third launch of Discovery*

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