



Colonel Valery Ivanovich Tokarev

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Valery Ivanovich Tokarev is a Colonel in the Russian Air Force and a Test Cosmonaut at the Yuri. A. Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center.

Colonel Tokarev flew on STS-96 (mission 2A.1) from May 27 to June 6, 1999. During the 10-day mission, the crew of Discovery delivered 4 tons of logistics and supplies to the International Space Station (ISS) in preparation for the arrival of the first crew to live on the station. The mission was accomplished in 153 Earth orbits, traveling 4 million miles in 235 hours and 13 minutes.

He was the Soyuz Commander and Flight Engineer 1 on Expedition-12 crew from September 2005 to April 2006. During the six-month tour of duty aboard the ISS, the crew conducted two spacewalks and relocated their Soyuz spacecraft twice, becoming the first ISS crew to dock to every Russian docking port on the complex. They also became the first two-person crew to conduct a spacewalk in both Russian and U.S. spacesuits. The mission was accomplished in 189 days, 19 hours and 53 minutes, and included over 11 hours of Extra-Vehicular Activity (EVA, or spacewalks).

Colonel Tokarev has been awarded the title Hero of the Russian Federation, in addition to receiving many other orders and medals in his native Russia.

Colonel Tokarev is a graduate of the Stavropol Higher Military Aviation School of pilots and navigators, as well as of the Gagarin Military Aviation Academy. He also holds a Master's Degree in State Administration from the National Economy Academy affiliated with the Russian Federation President's Administration.

From 1973 to 1976 Colonel Tokarev served in military units of the Air Force as pilot, senior pilot, flight leader, and deputy flight squadron leader. In 1981-1982 he studied in the Test Pilot Training center affiliated with Chkalov State Research Test Institute. He became familiar with 46 types of aircraft and has logged over 3000 flight hours.