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American astronaut who made the first space-walk from a spacecraft docked to an operating space station. This spacewalk, six hours in duration, was conducted to mount experiment packages on the docking module of the Russian space station *Mir.* A former Army officer, Clifford also served as mission specialist on two other space shuttle flights and worked as a military liaison with NASA prior to selection as an astronaut.