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Navy's Newest Carrier Joins Atlantic Fleet

The Navy's newest aircraft carrier officially became *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) when she was commissioned and placed in service on 25 July in Norfolk, Va. Named after the 33rd U.S. president and Missouri's favorite son, *Truman* is the eighth nuclear-powered *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier. Construction began when the keel was laid at Newport News Shipbuilding, Va., on 25 April 1989, and she was christened on 7

Top, people assemble on the forward elevator of *Harry S. Truman* for the invocation. Right, President Clinton speaks to the audience of more than 20,000.



September 1996. *Truman's* commanding officer is Capt. Thomas G. Otterbein.

President Bill Clinton was principal speaker at the ceremony. Other dignitaries included Secretary of Defense William Cohen, Secretary of the Navy John Dalton, CNO Adm. Jay Johnson, Representative Ike Skelton, D-Mo., and Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan.

Built at a cost of nearly 4.5 billion dollars, *Truman* has now become part of the largest, most powerful Navy in the world. Her flight deck is 1,096 feet long and 251 feet wide, her two nuclear reactors will not need refueling for at least 20 years and with a full complement of ship and air wing, her crew should number 5,500. And in the true spirit of recycling, *Truman's* two 30-ton anchors are the same ones that were previously used aboard the retired carrier *Forrestal* (CV 59).

Truman is expected to proudly serve the Navy for the next 50 years.

Awards

On 18 July at the Dayton Convention Center, Ohio, former Naval Aviator and astronaut James A. Lovell, Jr., was enshrined in the **National Aviation Hall of Fame**.

Special Records

Several units marked **safe flying time**:

Units	Hours	Years
VP-30	334,000	34
VFA-113	105,000	24
VR-57	100,000	20
HSL-42	100,000	12
HSL-44	90,000	10
VQ-1	67,400	11
VAW-132	46,500	28

Crew members gathered on the mess decks of **Abraham Lincoln** (CVN 72) to celebrate a milestone in the carrier's life. The ship, which was commissioned in 1989, had just completed her 72,000th arrested landing.

On 22 May, **AFCM (AW/NAC) Douglass C. Gillett** retired from mili-

ANA Photo Contest Winner



PH3 Mike Larsen won the ANA bimonthly photo contest with this shot of thirteen aircraft from Carrier Air Wing 7 flying formation over *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) in the Persian Gulf.

tary service and made his mark in the maritime patrol record book. During his 31 years of service, Gillett logged 17,450 flight hours in the various P-3 aircraft, more than any other person in the history of the *Orion*.

Lt. Col. Tony Valentino, CO of VMFA-251, completed his 5,000th flight hour while deployed aboard *George Washington* (CVN 73).

Maj. Frank A. Richie, VMFA-332 operations officer, completed his 2,000th flight hour 12 June when he landed his F/A-18 *Hornet* at MCAS Beaufort, S.C.

The Navy's **Helicopter Landing Trainer (HLT IX-514)** set a new single-day record on 10 June with 346 landings. Since being assigned to NAS Pensacola, Fla., in 1986, the 131-foot Vietnam-era yard freight utility craft has completed 64,159 mishap-free helicopter landings.

Anniversary

In April, the *Conquistadors* of **VR-57** celebrated their **20th** anniversary while on board NAS North Island, Calif.

Rescues

A Sailor on *Cowpens* (CG 63), underway in the Pacific, developed

an eye infection that if left untreated would have resulted in blindness.

VP-4 was tasked to deliver the medicine that could save the Sailor's sight. After arriving on scene, the P-3 *Orion's* aircrew dropped a watertight canister containing the medicine near a waiting helicopter and rescue swimmer. The VP-4 crew then continued on its training mission. The medication relieved the Sailor's symptoms.

Four crewmen from VS-41 were rescued from their downed S-3B *Viking*. **HC-85** of Third Fleet Antisubmarine Operations, San Clemente Island, Calif., was the first on the scene and deployed two rescue swimmers for an injured aircrewman who was not with the rest of the crew in the survival raft. **HC-11**, deployed aboard *Camden* (AOE 3), assisted in rescuing the other survivors. All four S-3B crewmen were flown to San Diego Naval Medical Center for treatment.

John C. Stennis (CVN 74) provided medical assistance for an Iraqi sailor who was seriously ill with a hernia. The following day, the sailor was returned to his ship, which had been stopped for attempting to violate international sanctions imposed against Iraq.

HSL-48 assisted in the rescue of

a jet-skier lost at sea. A local fishing vessel had found an abandoned jet ski, and a search of the area had yielded no results. The helicopter had almost reached its minimum fuel requirements for a safe return home when the HSL-48 crew spotted the skier in the water. A marker was dropped to identify the survivor's position for a nearby Coast Guard cutter, which retrieved him.



PH2 Daniel J. Quinlan

An *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) Sailor gives his son a kiss goodbye before departing on a six-month deployment.

Scan Pattern

A group of senior citizens from Villa Encinitas, Calif., made the 4th of July a little sweeter for crew members aboard *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74). The seniors baked, wrapped and shipped more than 14,000 chocolate chip cookies to the carrier, which was deployed to the Arabian Gulf. The enormous batch of cookies took over six days to prepare.

The 25 finalists were named for NASA's astronaut candidate class of 1998. They arrived at the Johnson

Space Center, Houston, Texas, in mid-August to begin one year of training and evaluation. Among the 21 men and 4 women were 8 Naval Aviators: Cdr. Michael J. Foreman; LCDrs. Christopher J. Ferguson, Kenneth T. Ham, Alan G. Poindexter and Sunita L. Williams; Lts. William A. Oefelein and Neil W. Woodward III; and Maj. George D. Zamka, USMC.

On 29 May, the *VF-101 Grim Reapers* rewarded their Sailor of the

Karen Yergler of Casper, Wyo., on 16 June. Terminally ill with brain cancer, a smiling Karen met with members of the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron at Sherman Field on NAS Pensacola, Fla., following a viewing of the *Blues'* weekly air show practice. Flight leader George Dom presented Karen with an autographed program and poster, and she also received a key to the city from Mayor John Fogg.

Bound for the Heavens

Retired RAdm. Alan B. Shepard, the first American in space, passed away on 22 July at age 74. A former Naval Aviator, Shepard died in his sleep at Community Hospital in Monterey, Calif., after a lengthy battle with leukemia.

Shepard made history on 5 May 1961 when he blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., aboard *Freedom 7* for a 15-minute suborbital flight. His craft took him to an altitude of 115 miles before returning to a splashdown in the Atlantic Ocean. It was a small beginning, but it took America into the space race with the Soviet Union, 23 days after Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space. Shepard later



In this painting by Ted Wilbur, Capt. Alan Shepard is shown training for the Apollo 14 mission in the command module.

said that it was "just the first baby step, aiming for bigger and better things."

After being sidelined by an inner ear ailment that kept him out of space for a decade, Shepard returned as commander of the 1971 Apollo 14 flight, becoming the fifth man to walk on the moon. On that trip, he used a six-iron to send a golf ball hurtling over the lunar landscape, becoming the only man to play golf on the moon.

Shepard was one of the original seven Mercury astronauts named by NASA in 1959 to take America into space. He is survived by four of them: John Glenn, Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper and Walter Schirra.

Retired **Maj. Gen. Marion E. Carl**, one of the Marine Corps' most highly decorated aviators and a WW II ace, was shot and killed on 26 June by a shotgun-wielding robber who broke into his home in Roseburg, Oreg. He was 83 years old. His wife, Edna, was also injured in the attack but was treat-

ed and released. The general became the Marine Corps' first ace on 24 August 1942 during the Battle of Guadalcanal and by the end of WW II was credited with 18.5 kills. After the war, Carl was a Navy test pilot and set world records in both speed and altitude. He also became the Marine Corps'

first helicopter pilot and participated in operations in both Korea and Vietnam. He retired in 1973 with over 13,000 flight hours, two Navy Crosses, four Legions of Merit with Combat "V," five Distinguished Flying Crosses and 14 Air Medals, among other awards.

Change of Command

CVW-5: Capt. Richard O. McHarg relieved Capt. Richard J. Mauldin, 30 May.

H&HS Miramar, Calif.: Lt. Col. Jeffrey G. Lucas relieved Maj. Juston H. Clement, 5 Jun.

HC-3: Cdr. Tony Dzielski relieved Cdr. Tom Barns, 10 Jul.

HC-4: Cdr. Joan Zitterkopf relieved Cdr. Chris Real, 10 Jul.

HMM-161: Lt. Col. Roger L. Baty relieved Lt. Col. Anthony M. Haslam, 14 May.

HMM-165: Lt. Col. Guy M. Close relieved Lt. Col. Richard M. Rasmussen, 16 Apr.

HS-2: Cdr. Robert Klosterman relieved Cdr. Jeffrey Miller, Jun.

HS-6: Cdr. Ronald Alan Sandoval relieved Cdr. Anthony Vanaria IV, 1 Jun.

HS-14: Cdr. Mark Sickert relieved Cdr. Ed McNamee III, 17 Jun.

MAG-16: Col. Paul P. McNamara relieved Col. John A. LeMoine, 3 Jun.

MAG-31: Col. Thomas A. Benes relieved Col. James F. Amos, 5 Jun.

MALS-31: Lt. Col. James M. Griffin, Jr., relieved Lt. Col. Ingrid E. Bergman, 22 May.

MAWTS 1: Col. William Catto relieved Col. Keith Stalder, 21 May.

NADEP Cherry Point, N.C.: Col. Robert N. Leavitt relieved Col. William F. Scott, 30 Apr.

NAF Washington, D.C.: Capt. Craig C. Groom relieved Capt. Earl A. Perry, 18 Jul.

NAPRA Atsugi, Japan: Cdr. John W. Scanlan II relieved Cdr. Karl E. Yeakel, 23 Jun.

NAR Jacksonville, Fla.: Capt. Richard L. Smith relieved Capt. John S. Kistler, 6 Jun.

NAS Meridian, Miss.: Capt.

William F. Carrico, Jr., relieved Capt. Bernie Satterwhite, 5 Jun.

NAS Whiting Field, Fla.: Capt. D. Wayne Nelms relieved Capt. Richard L. Deck, 12 Jun.

NASC: Capt. Kenneth R. Zimmerman relieved Capt. Steve Hannifin, 26 Jun.

NAVTESTWINGPAC: Capt. Mark J. Sweeney relieved Capt. Thomas B. Russell, 12 May.

NSAWC: RAdm. Timothy R. Beard relieved RAdm. Bernard J. Smith, 17 Jul.

NWTS China Lake, Calif.: Cdr. Robert H. Rutherford relieved Capt. Dane C. Swanson, 22 May.

PATWING 1: Capt. Frank Munoz relieved Capt. Jeffrey M. O'Brien, 22 May.

PATWING 10: Capt. Timothy S. Norgart relieved Capt. Stanley D. Bozin, 12 Jun.

VAQ-130: Cdr. William J. Clark relieved Cdr. Michael W. Ackerman, 13 May.

VAQ-133: Cdr. James E. Russell, Jr., relieved Cdr. Kenneth V. Smolana, 22 May.

VAQ-140: Cdr. Scott Beach relieved Cdr. Michael Collins, 3 May.

VAQWINGPAC: Capt. John P. Cryer III relieved Capt. Robert D. Maslowsky, 17 Jun.

VAW-112: Cdr. Michael J. Becknell relieved Cdr. Joel D. Fellows, 24 Jun.

VAW-116: Cdr. Mark E. Chicoine relieved Cdr. Mark Mills, 7 May.

VF-41: Cdr. Joseph P. Aucoin relieved Cdr. Kenneth P. Neubauer, 12 Jun.

VF-101: Cdr. Stephen Voetsch relieved Cdr. Brad Goetsch, 2 Jul.

VF-154: Cdr. Stuart D. Bailey

relieved Cdr. Andres A. Brugal, 18 Jun.

VFA-82: Cdr. Gregory Nosal relieved Cdr. Stephen Callaghan, 14 May.

VFA-125: Cdr. John M. McCloskey relieved Capt. Douglas L. McLain, 13 May.

VFA-195: Cdr. Jeffrey Stillwagon relieved Cdr. Dave Conaway, 16 Jun.

VMA-311: Lt. Col. Robert A. Fitzgerald relieved Lt. Col. Mark G. Bolin, 22 May.

VMFA-332: Lt. Col. Russell I. Jones relieved Lt. Col. Richard J. Findlay, 22 May.

VP-1: Cdr. Brian E. Burlingame relieved Cdr. Robert S. Winneg, 2 Jul.

VP-5: Cdr. Adreon Mark Ensor relieved Cdr. Michael J. Szostak, 19 Jun.

VP-47: Cdr. James C. Grunewald relieved Cdr. Michael D. Morgan, 17 Jun.

VQ-1: Cdr. Michael S. Paul relieved Cdr. Kevin C. Ketchmark, 19 Jun.

VQ-3: Cdr. Susan A. Davies relieved Cdr. William G. Okoniewski, 16 Jul.

VT-2: Cdr. Richard J. Martin relieved Cdr. Howard W. Thorp, Jr., 19 Jun.

VT-6: Cdr. Dale A. Lumme relieved Lt. Col. John E. Mills, 18 Jun.

VT-22: Cdr. David J. Spangler relieved Cdr. Ronald J. Unterreiner, 9 Oct.

VTC-12: Cdr. Paul Plescow relieved Cdr. Robert Moore, Jun.

VXE-6: Cdr. David W. Jackson relieved Cdr. William F. Warlick, 22 May.