

The background image shows a large yellow lattice boom crane on the deck of a ship. It is lifting a white carrier air wing 8, which is a large, wheeled aircraft carrier. The air wing is suspended by green slings. Several crew members in safety gear are visible on the deck, some holding ropes to guide the air wing. The scene is set against a sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. The ship's deck and various structures are visible in the background.

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FEBRUARY 2023

CARRIER AIR WING 8

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS TO CAPT. TRENT,
CAPT. CATLIN TAKES OVER AS COMMANDER OF CVW-8

CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

BY THE MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE ABOARD
FORD FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

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A crane lowers the Ford's aircraft crash handling and salvage crane onto the flight deck, Jan. 17, 2023. Photo by MC3 Manvir Gill

Carrier Air Wing 8 Changes Command



The official party renders a salute at the CVW-8 change of command where Capt. Dan Catlin relieved Capt. Daryl Trent, as Commander, CVW-8.
Photo by MC3 Jacob Mattingly

Capt. Dan Catlin relieved Capt. Daryl E. Trent as Commander, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 during a change of command ceremony, a time-honored military tradition, at Naval Air Station Oceana, Jan. 5, 2023.

"I am honored and humbled to join you all today as Carrier Air Wing 8's newest commander," said Catlin. "This opportunity to lead such a fearless and inspirational team is a true privilege, especially as we gear up to answer our nation's call during the Phase 2 deployment of the Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group."

Catlin reported to CVW-8, also known as Team Factory, in October 2022 to serve as the Air Wing's deputy commander. His previous assignments include operational tours with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147 "Argonauts," VFA-113 "Stingers," and VFA-81 "Sunliners." During these assignments, he flew numerous combat

missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn and Inherent Resolve.

"I look forward to pushing Team Factory's mission forward and carrying on the great work Capt. Trent accomplished during his time as the Air Wing commander," said Catlin.

Trent took command of CVW-8 in 2021 prior to the Air Wing's integration with the first-in-class aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) for the ship's inaugural deployment. From enlisted Sailor to Air Wing Commander, Trent's 35-year naval career concludes with more than 3,000 total flight hours across five variants of the E-2 Hawkeye from the Group Zero to commanding the first operationally deployed E-2D Advanced Hawkeye.

"It has been my greatest professional honor to serve in the world's most powerful Navy for over three decades and for my final

assignment to command the first embarked carrier Air Wing to deploy onboard USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), it does not get any better than that" said Trent. "I would not change a single moment and will be forever grateful to have been allowed to serve my country alongside our nation's sons and daughters. Now, I get to watch my dear friend Capt. Dan Catlin lead CVW-8 as its newest commander, I could think of no one more qualified to lead them going forward."

CVW-8's mission is to conduct offensive air operations from the deck of USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) against both land and sea targets, provide for Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 12 defense, and conduct sustained air operations in support of allied forces as directed by the National Command Authority.





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PHOTOS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2023

1. Ford's Sailors of the Year take a photo with the ship's triad, Jan. 12, 2023.

(Photo by MC1 David Kolmel)

2. Ford's CMC Bryan Davis, left, briefs Nordic Defense Cooperation's MCPON on the ship's galley, Jan. 28, 2023.

(Photo by MCC Julie R. Matyascik)

3. Cmdr. (Ret.) John Peterson, Ford's previous Air Boss, salutes Capt. Paul Lanzilotta, Ford's CO, as he is piped ashore. (Photo by MC3 Manvir Gill)

4. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (Ret.) Jim Herdt, speaks to Sailors assigned to the Ford during an all hands call, Jan. 20, 2023.

(Photo by MC3 Jacob Mattingly)

5. Capt. Daryl Trent, former CO of CVW- 8, is rung off with his family during a retirement ceremony, Jan. 5, 2023.

(Photo by MC3 Jacob Mattingly)

6. Lt. Cmdr. Susan Murphy, Ford's ship nurse, applies a fake bruising wound to HM3 Abigail Riddle, assigned to Ford's medical department during moulage application training, Jan. 25, 2023. Moulage is the art of applying mock injuries for the purpose of training emergency response teams and other medical and military personnel.

(Photo by MC3 Manvir Gill)

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Sailors Celebrate MLK Day Aboard Ford

Story and Photos by MC3 Jacob Mattingly



AN Ryan Newbill assigned to the Ford's air department, recites Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech during a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 13, 2023.



Capt. Paul Lanzilotta, center right, the Ford's CO and Sailors in the Multicultural Heritage Committee cut a ceremonial cake during a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr., Jan. 5, 2023.

Sailors aboard the first-in-class aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) hosted a celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the ship's fo'c'sle to celebrate the achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Some people may see today as a holiday or a day off, but it is a way to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the roads for equality that he paved not just for African Americans, but for all races," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Tyrese Beasley, from Waco, Texas, assigned to Ford's security department, "Martin Luther King Jr.'s achievements helped break down racial barriers in the country and helped bring all Americans, from all walks of life, together as one."

The celebration was hosted by Ford's Multicultural Heritage Committee and consisted of a roundtable discussion, a game of trivia, a cake cutting with Capt. Paul Lanzilotta, Ford's commanding officer, and a recitation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

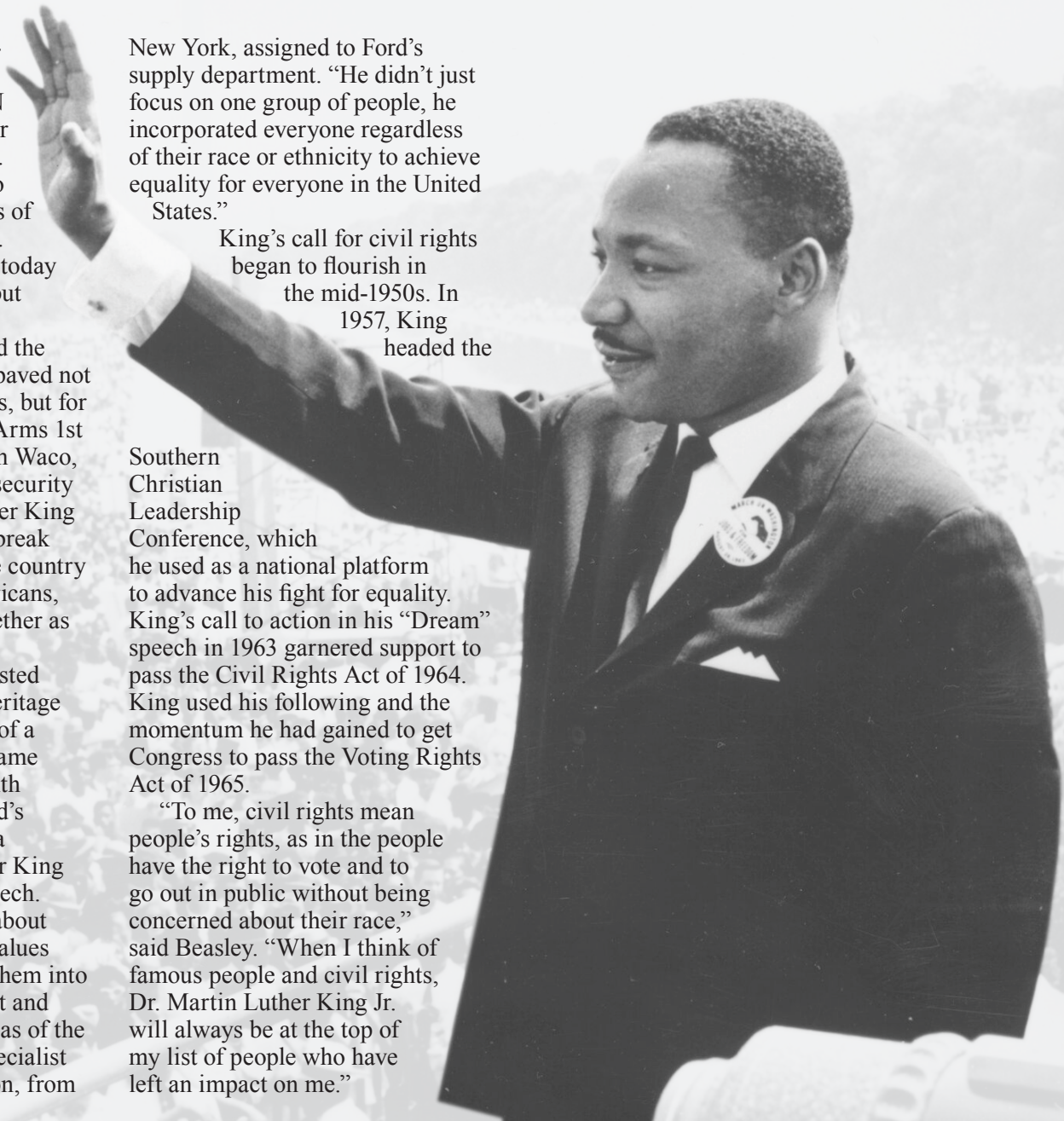
"Today I learned a lot about Martin Luther King Jr.'s values and how he incorporated them into the [civil rights] movement and how it was built on the ideas of the people," said Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Amanda Dawson, from

New York, assigned to Ford's supply department. "He didn't just focus on one group of people, he incorporated everyone regardless of their race or ethnicity to achieve equality for everyone in the United States."

King's call for civil rights began to flourish in the mid-1950s. In 1957, King headed the

Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which he used as a national platform to advance his fight for equality. King's call to action in his "Dream" speech in 1963 garnered support to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. King used his following and the momentum he had gained to get Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"To me, civil rights mean people's rights, as in the people have the right to vote and to go out in public without being concerned about their race," said Beasley. "When I think of famous people and civil rights, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will always be at the top of my list of people who have left an impact on me."



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USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78)

MEET THE TRIAD

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 **USS Gerald R. Ford CVN 78**

BACK COVER PHOTO

Pilots assigned to the "Greyhawks" cross the flight deck of the Ford, Sept. 24, 2022. Photo by MC3 Manvir Gill

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NEXT MONTH IN NAVAL HISTORY

February 7, 1814

During the War of 1812, the schooner Enterprise and the brig Rattlesnake captured and burned the British Merchant brig Rambler in the Caribbean Sea.

February 22, 1944

U.S. Navy Task Group (TG) 39.4, commanded by Capt. Arleigh Burke, bombards Japanese airstrips, pier area and anchorages at Kavieng New Ireland Island, while DESRON 12 shells Rabaul.

February 12, 1947

The first launch of a guided missile, the Loon, takes place on board USS Cusk (SS 348).

February 27, 1973

The first airborne mine sweep in a live minefield takes place in the Haiphong, Vietnam ship channel by helicopters from Mine Countermeasure Squadron Twelve on board USS New Orleans (LPH 11).

