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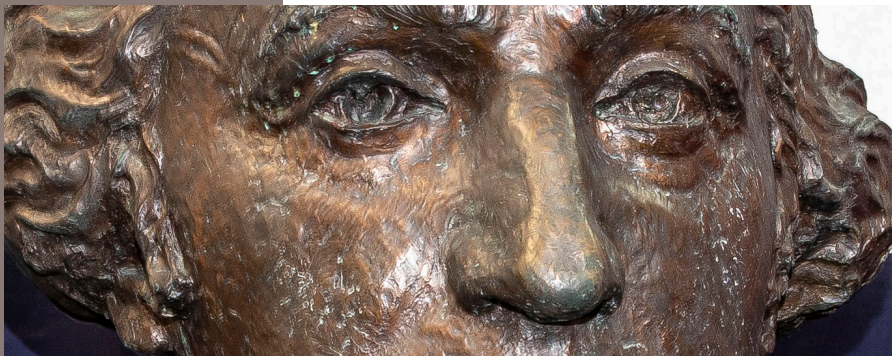
Congratulations to our newest Chiefs!



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HONORING OUR NAMESAKE

GWU rededicates the ship's bust.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CO



You are extraordinary, for what you do and what you represent. Nothing can stop us, as long as we stick together and be there for each other.

As always,
**DAMN PROUD TO BE YOUR SHIPMATE!
CAPTAIN OUT.**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

PHOTOGRAPHS: MC2 NICHOLAS A. RUSSELL, MCSN AUGUST Y. CLAWSON

More than 2,000 family and friends embarked with the crew on this exclusive opportunity to gain firsthand understanding of the daily routines, responsibilities and unique challenges their loved ones face at sea. Children who took part in the event received their own “Honorary Warfighter” awards, celebrating their enthusiasm and participation.

Starnes

What an amazing special day! Thank you for putting in such a long day for us!

Gathman

Thank you to you all that allowed us to see a small glimpse of what you do for all of us. It was amazing and a true once in a life time experience! Proud to be a part of the Navy Family!

Tompkins

We were there with our sailor, our QM. It was an amazing time! Meeting senior, Gator and the Captain was so special. It was all an awe inspiring once in a lifetime opportunity and so glad our daughter invited us!

Lewis

Thank you to the GW crew for all the hard work it took to host us today! We appreciate you!!

Neal

Awesome experience!!! Glad to hang with my sailor and meet his friends.

Top fan

Hubbard

Thank you so much for allowing us to come see where our daughter lives and works it was an amazing once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget USS George Washington (CVN 73)

Top fan

Margaret

Thank you so very much for allowing us all to spend a day on your magnificent ship! It was amazing!

Ma

Thank you for having the friends and family day. You can tell a lot of work went into this day.

Friends and families watch an air show on the flight deck.
Photo by MC2 Nicholas A. Russell.



READY FOR A SHOW

FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND SERVICE MEMBERS WAIT FOR AN AIR SHOW ABOARD THE FLIGHT DECK .
PHOTO BY MC2 NICHOLAS A. RUSSELL.



AERIAL SUPERIORITY

AN F/A-18F SUPER HORNET ATTACHED TO STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON (VFA-103) ENTERS TRANSONIC SPEED.
PHOTO BY MCSN AUGUST V. CLAWSON.



PREPARING TO LAND

AN F/A-18F SUPER HORNET ATTACHED TO STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON (VFA-103) PREPARES TO LAND ON THE FLIGHT DECK.
PHOTO BY MC2 NICHOLAS A. RUSSELL.



MOVING INTO POSITION

SAILORS ASSIGNED TO GEORGE WASHINGTON'S AIR DEPARTMENT DIRECT AN F/A-18F SUPER HORNET ATTACHED TO STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON (VFA-103) ABOARD THE FLIGHT DECK.
PHOTO BY MCSN AUGUST V. CLAWSON.



PICTURE PERFECT

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE FOR FAMILY DAY TAKE PICTURES OF AN F/A-18F SUPER HORNET ATTACHED TO STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON (VFA-103) AS IT TAXIS THE FLIGHT DECK .
PHOTO BY MC2 NICHOLAS A. RUSSELL.



Mayor of Yokosuka, the Honorable KAMIJI, Katsuaki speaks to the crew of George Washington, Oct. 11, 2023.
Photo by MC2 Nicholas A. Russell.

OUR ALLIANCE IS STRONG: MAYOR OF YOKOSUKA VISITS USSGW

PHOTOGRAPHS: GWM PRODUCTION TEAM STORY: MC3 (SS) BRUCE T. MORGAN

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted the mayor of Yokosuka, Japan while the ship was underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Oct. 11.

The Honorable KAMIJI, Katsuaki received a tour of the ship, interacted with Sailors and senior leaders, and spoke to the crew during an all-hands call in the hangar bay.

Additionally, Kamiji extended his welcome to the crew as George Washington

between George Washington and the city of Yokosuka.

“We continue to build the relationship between Japan and the United States,” said Capt. Brent C. Gaut, George Washington’s commanding officer. “It’s a critical, fundamental relationship to ensure a safe and secure Asia-Pacific region.”

George Washington is scheduled to replace Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) as the only U.S. forward-deployed naval forces carrier

“As your local host, I warmly welcome each and every one of you.”

-KAMIJI KATSUAKI

prepares to change homeport to Yokosuka.

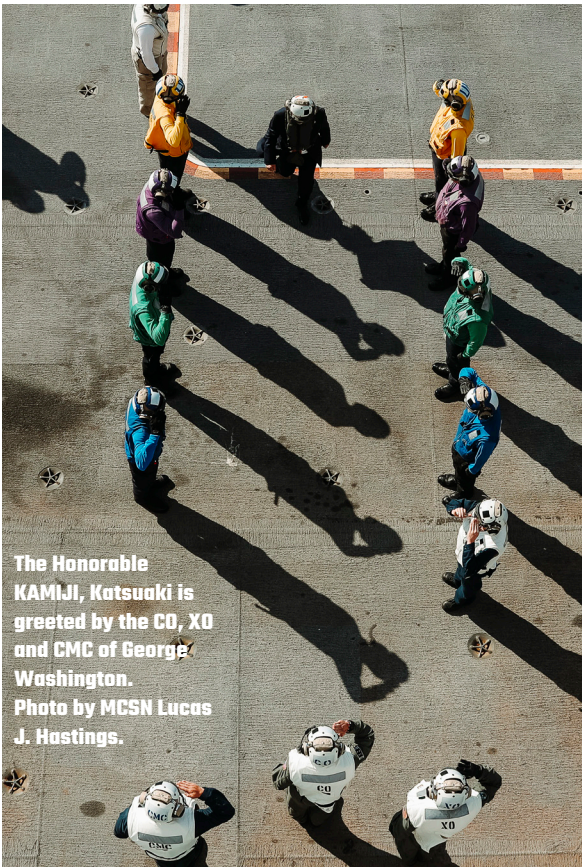
“I believe that the forward-deployment of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to Yokosuka is a symbol of the Japan-U.S. alliance,” said Kamiji. “It directly supports a free and open Indo-Pacific, as well as contributing greatly to the stability of not just Japan, but the entire world.”

During an office call between the ship’s commanding officer and the mayor, they discussed the continued relationship

in 2024.

“I sincerely hope that you love Yokosuka as your second home,” said Kamiji. “As your local host, I warmly welcome each and every one of you.”

George Washington was the first U.S. forward-deployed nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in Japan from 2008 to 2015.



The Honorable KAMIJI, Katsuaki is greeted by the CO, XO and CMC of George Washington. Photo by MCSN Lucas J. Hastings.

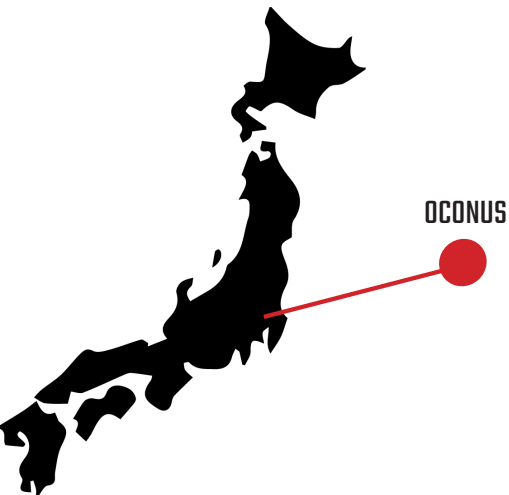
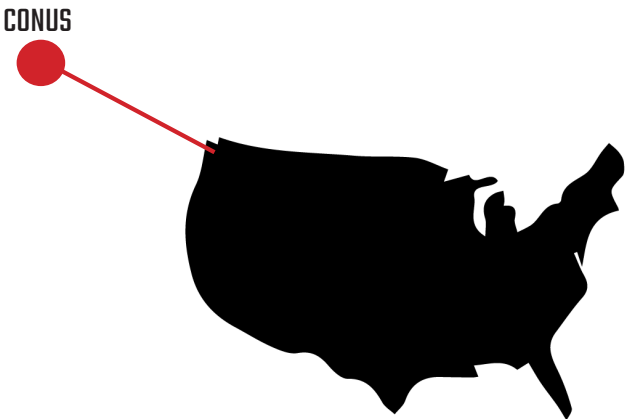


Capt. Brent C. Gaut, commanding officer of George Washington and the Honorable KAMIJI, Katsuaki, Mayor of Yokosuka, cut a "Welcome Aboard" cake in Ward Room 3. Photo by MCSN August Y. Clawson.



The Honorable KAMIJI, Katsuaki sits in the commanding officer's chair, observing flight operations aboard George Washington. Photo by MCSN August Y. Clawson.

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LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

PHOTOGRAPH: MC2 (SW) DAKOTA C. NACK

STORY: MC2 DYXAN K. WILLIAMS

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) fired the Phalanx Close-In Weapon System for the first time in seven years while the ship was conducting phase two of the Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials off the Virginia coast, Sept. 18.

The CIWS, a radar-guided, rapid-fire 20-millimeter rotating machine gun, provides the ship with an inner layer point of defense capability against anti-ship missiles, aircraft and littoral warfare threats. The Phalanx system automatically detects, evaluates, tracks, engages and performs kill assessment against ASM, surface vessels and high speed aircraft that penetrates fleet defense systems.

“I have full confidence that the CIWS will be ready for the fight and ready to defend the ship.”

-FCC (SW/AW/IW) ADAM PRICE

“To truly understand the capabilities of an aircraft carrier, we have to put our defense systems, operators and technicians through a series of tests to determine the ship’s condition of readiness and our ability to operate newly installed equipment,” said Cmdr. Jason Hughs, George Washington’s Combat Systems department head. “We are the last line of defense and our systems tests are designed to be progressively more challenging in order to evaluate both the combat system equipment and watch team’s performance.”

The advanced weaponry system is operated and maintained by Sailors assigned to the ship’s combat systems department CS-7 division and required more than 1,400 man hours of maintenance, completed over the course of a year to become fully operational.

“Operating the CIWS is a crucial milestone for us as a ship,” said Chief Fire Controlman (SW/AW/IW) Adam Price from Shelbyville, Kentucky, leading chief petty officer for CS-7 Division. “An exercise like this requires a lot of coordination, planning and training to ensure

that we safely test the systems that are designed for critical self-defense. Going into this, I knew our team would have a very successful event.”

When the CIWS is fired, there are pre-fire and post-fire checks that must be performed.

“Pre-fire’s are making sure the system is good to go, post-fire’s are cleaning the barrel from the rounds that were fired and overall maintenance for normal use,” said Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Justin Long from Mobile, Alabama, a CIWS technician. “Maintaining our systems is just as important as knowing how to operate them.”

Relying on their skills and training to operate George Washington’s advanced weaponry, Sailors like Fire Controlman 2nd Class

(SW/AW) Dennis Stewart from Glennville, Georgia, a work center supervisor for CIWS, believes a successful CIWS shoot is a win for the ship.

“The hardest part was making sure everything came together to have a successful shoot – today was perfect,” said Stewart. “It shows that we are working hard every day to bring our systems and warship back online.”

During live-fire exercises, the CIWS successfully demonstrated the capability to detect and engage a moving target that mimicked an airborne threat. A critical capability that proves the weapon system’s controls were properly functioning. In the end, the CIWS successfully took down two simulated drones.

“Thanks to the hardwork that the CIWS technicians put in, we are even closer to being combat ready,” said Price. “I have full confidence that the CIWS will be ready for the fight and ready to defend the ship if needed.”



The forward mounted Phalanx Close-In Weapon System fires rounds during a system test.

HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE! SAILORS ABOARD
GEORGE WASHINGTON SHOWCASE THEIR PRIDE IN THEIR
CULTURAL BACKGROUND.

PHOTOGRAPHS: MCSN LUCAS J. HASTINGS



XO and CMC join Sailors in the festivities and commemorate the day with a cake cutting.



Yeoman 2nd Class Erendida Urbano performs el son de la Negra during a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration while underway in the Atlantic Ocean.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NAVY

248 YEARS YOUNG

PHOTOGRAPHS: MCSN LUCAS J. HASTINGS



248th Birthday Cake made by Sailors assigned to the bake shop aboard George Washington.

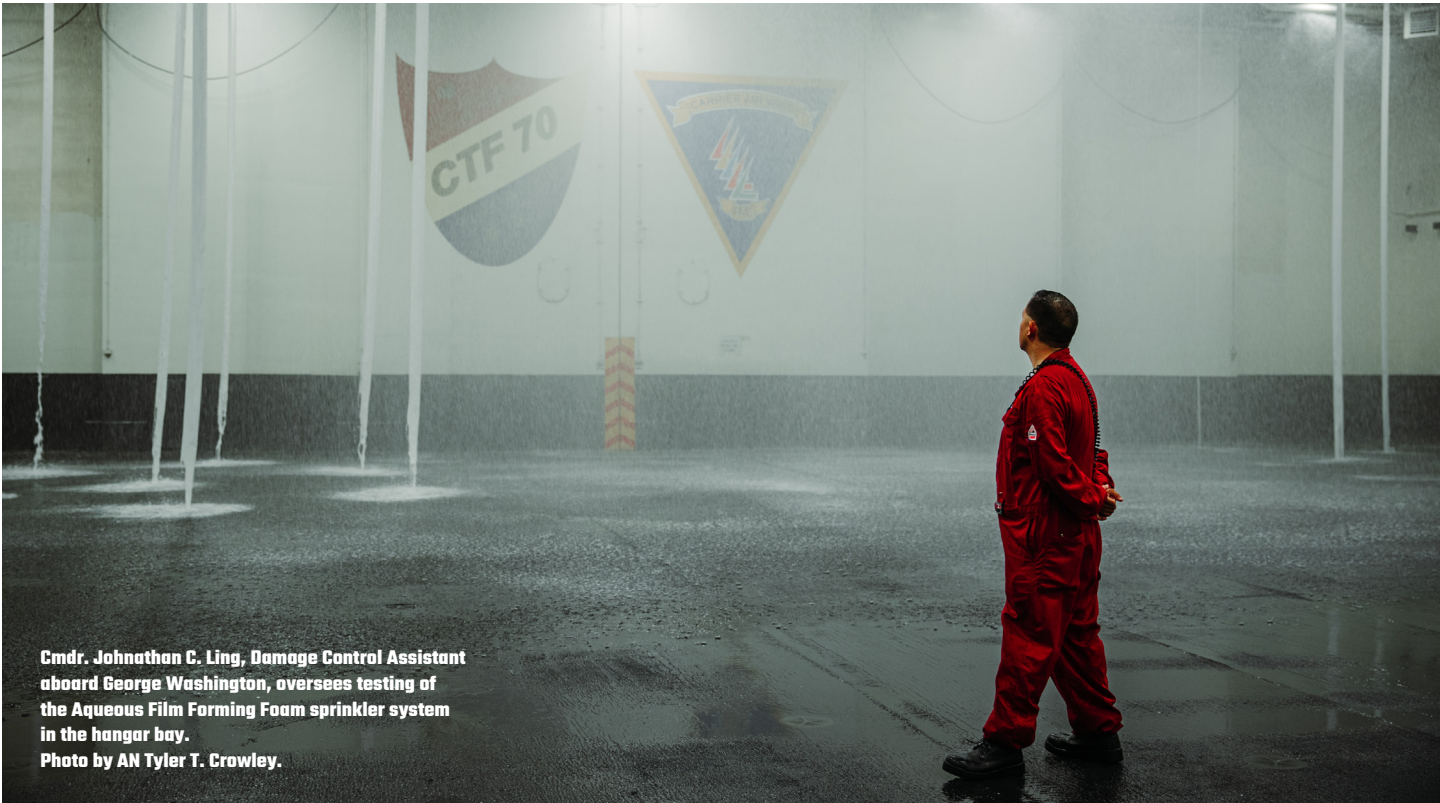


CO, XO, CMC prepare to cut the cake with Sailors in the aft mess decks.

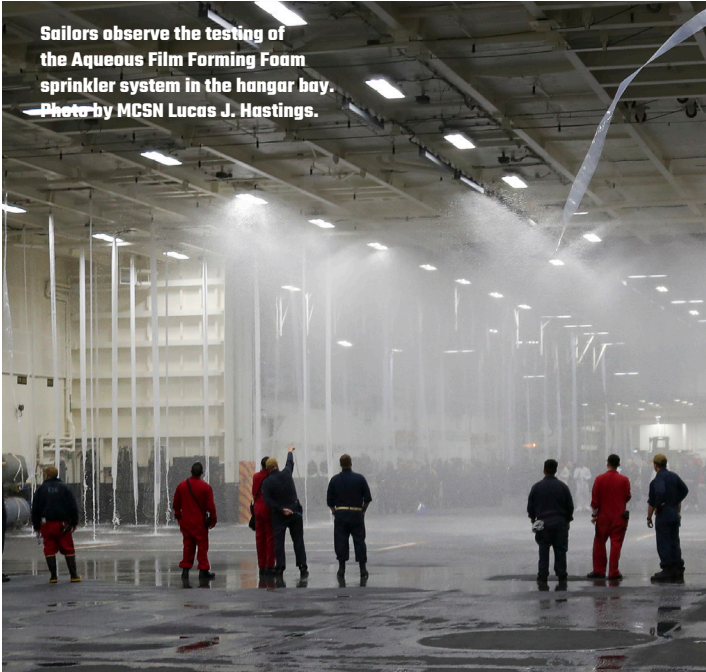
WE OWN THE NIGHT

SAILORS ABOARD GEORGE WASHINGTON WORK AROUND THE CLOCK TRAINING, TESTING AND PREPARING THE SHIP FOR CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS. GEORGE WASHINGTON SAILORS CONTINUE BUILDING A COMBAT READY SHIP AND A BATTLE-MINDED CREW.

PHOTOGRAPHS: GWM PRODUCTION TEAM



Cmdr. Johnathan C. Ling, Damage Control Assistant aboard George Washington, oversees testing of the Aqueous Film Forming Foam sprinkler system in the hangar bay.
Photo by AN Tyler T. Crowley.



Sailors observe the testing of the Aqueous Film Forming Foam sprinkler system in the hangar bay.
Photo by MCSN Lucas J. Hastings.



Cmdr. Johnathan C. Ling and Master Chief Damage Controlman (SW/AW) John D. Potter inspect the Aqueous Film Forming Foam sprinkler system.
Photo by MCSN Lucas J. Hastings.

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 2nd Class Marquez Horton, assigned to air department V-1 division, directs the carrier vessel crash crane during a drill on the flight deck.
Photo by MCSN August Y. Clawson.



Sailors assigned to air department V-1 division attach the carrier vessel crash crane to a training aircraft during a drill on the flight deck.
Photo by MCSN August Y. Clawson.



Sailors assigned to air department V-1 division attach a training aircraft to the carrier vessel crash crane.
Photo by MCSN August Y. Clawson.



Chief Petty Officers pose for a group photo during a pinning ceremony for newly appointed Chief Petty Officers. Photo by AN Tyler T. Crowley.

WELCOME TO THE GOAT LOCKER



PLANK OWNERS RETURN

PHOTOGRAPHS: MC2 NICHOLAS A. RUSSELL STORY: MCSA TRAVIS S. HANES



Capt. Brent C. Gaut, commanding officer of George Washington, speaks to plank owners, Sailors aboard for its commissioning, thanking them for their attendance during a Plank Owners Reunion.

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted plank owners for a reunion aboard the ship during Fleet Fest in Norfolk, Virginia, Oct. 21.

Plank owners gathered in the ship's hangar bay, reminiscing on memories of how they brought the newly commissioned George Washington out of Newport News Shipbuilding and delivered it to the fleet, July 4, 1992.

George Washington's first commanding officer, retired Rear Adm. Robert Nutwell, was rung aboard the ship as the senior plank owner.

"One of the great benefits of pre-commission duty is you get to mold the culture of the ship," said Nutwell during a speech to plank owners and Sailors. "We created a culture of operational excellence through quality training, continuous improvement,

teamwork and high standards."

During his speech, Nutwell noted how many of the traditions established by George Washington's original crew have endured over 31 years. He also reflected on his career and time on the ship during his speech.

"I'd like to say that my tour as commanding officer for George Washington was definitely the highlight of my career," said Nutwell. "It wasn't just for the challenges or the honor of command: it was for being with all of you, getting to know you and to have that camaraderie among the whole crew."

Capt. Brent C. Gaut, George Washington's current commanding officer, welcomed plank owners and thanked them for what they've done for the ship.

"The crew has cycled through thousands of Sailors and the ship has

been grinded down to bare metal to be built back up again," said Gaut.

"What remains the same and constant over the years is the initiative, grit and dedication that you as our plank owners created."

After the ceremony, plank owners gathered for a group photo, attended tours of the ship and spent time on the messdecks to mingle.

At the completion of the plank owners ceremony, George Washington became the premier aircraft carrier for Fleet Fest. Fleet Fest allowed Naval Station Norfolk to open its doors to the local community for tours and celebrations, creating a deeper connection between civilians, the Navy, and past and present George Washington Sailors.

Capt. Thomas Atkins, chaplain and plank owner, reads an invocation and prayer for fallen shipmates of George Washington.



Visitors in attendance of Naval Station Norfolk Fleet Fest 2023 line up outside George Washington to tour the ship.



FLEET FEST 2023

PHOTOGRAPHS: MCSN AUGUST Y. CLAWSON



Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Dakota Nack directs visitors during ship tours.



Visitors line up to tour George Washington during Fleet Fest.



Visitors receive a brief of flight deck operations.



The bust on USS George Washington is one of four created by Avard Fairbanks and later given to GWU in 1993.
Photo by MC3 (SS) Bruce T. Morgan.

HONORING OUR NAMESAKE

A SYMBOL OF A NEW BEGINNING

STORY: ENSIGN HANNAH M. SMITH PHOTOGRAPHS: MC3 (SS) BRUCE T. MORGAN, MCSA TRAVIS S. HANES



Capt. Brent C. Gaut poses for a photo with representatives of George Washington University.
Photo by MCSA Travis S. Hanes.

“This bust that we showcase on our ship is a symbol of our connection with George Washington University, and we are going to continue to build that bond.”

-CAPT. BRENT C. GAUT

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted the George Washington University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps to rededicate the historic George Washington bust on the ship's ceremonial quarterdeck, Sept. 28.

The George Washington bust, donated by the university in 1997 during a visit from Dr. Stephen J. Trachtenberg, the university's president at the time, in order to establish closer ties with the Navy and GWU.

The bust on George Washington is one of four created by Avard Fairbanks and later given to GWU in 1993. One bust rest on the GWU campus and another is showcased at the entrance of the Mount Vernon Museum on the grounds of General George Washington's home.

The rededication ceremony began with a blessing from Lt. Cmdr. Jean Wilking from Port-au, Haiti, one of George Washington's command chaplains.

“Rededicating the bust of General George Washington symbolizes a new beginning for our Sailors and our mighty warship, serving as a symbol of freedom and peace around the world,” said Wilking.

GWU midshipmen stood in formation adjacent to the bust and in front of Capt. Jean M. Sullivan, the unit's commanding officer and Capt. Brent C. Gaut, commanding officer of George Washington.

Sullivan spoke about how the bust has continued to build relationships old and new, “Getting away from GWU to visit with the fleet is a great opportunity for our midshipmen to see how the real Navy works. It has also been an unexpected opportunity to visit with old shipmates,” said Sullivan. “Capt. Gaut and I

were both commanding officers of ships on the same pier here in Norfolk years ago and here we are today, uniting our future Navy with today's Navy.”

Gaut spoke to the midshipmen about the importance of communal ties and continuing to sustain relationships with organizations like GWU as the ship prepares to become the forward-deployed Naval Forces-Japan aircraft carrier.

“We lost a lot of connections while we were in the shipyards,” said Gaut. “One of the connections, was our connection with GWU. We are now working hard to build our connections that are part of our ship's legacy. This bust that we showcase on our ship is a symbol of our connection with GWU, and we are going to continue to build that bond.”

The ceremony included remarks from GWU midshipman Richard Suchyta, “For hundreds of years men and women have come before us, doing, achieving, and sacrificing so much that it's difficult to feel like we could ever measure up,” said Suchyta. “Now is our time to prepare, because soon it will be us stepping aboard and going underway on this and many other great ships like it, and we owe it to the legacy we are upholding to be ready.”

Gaut also touched on developing leadership skills while still in college and encouraged them to reflect on the commitment from Sailors and Marines who served generations before them.

George Washington is pierside in Naval Station Norfolk in the stages of inspection and survey, a comprehensive evaluation of the material condition of the ship to ensure it is fully prepared for sea operations.

THE GW CROSSWORD

ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S
SURVEYOR

ACROSS

2 A treat or reward.

7 A mop bucket, usually with wheels and a wringer.

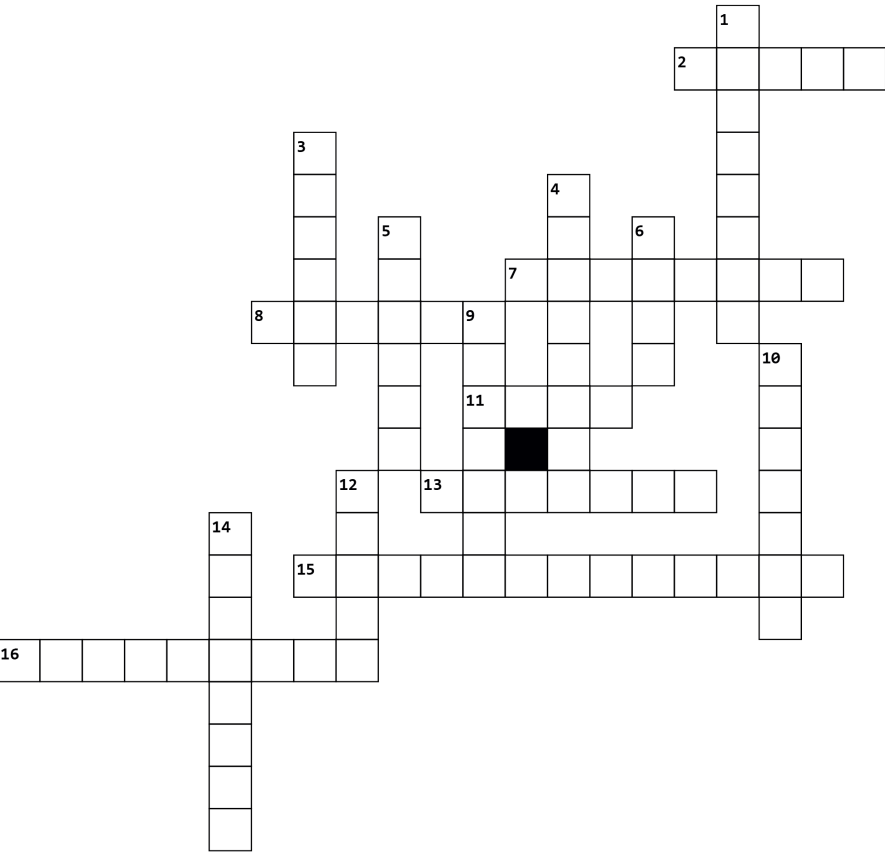
8 A large freezer of the type found on most ships, usually in auxiliary spaces.

11 To permanently dispose of something as if it never existed.

13 A rough epoxy coating used for grip on weather decks.

15 At Sea — The act or process of moving cargo and fuel from a supply ship to a warship via cable while underway.

16 Superstition — To do so at sea is to challenge the wind itself, and that to do so will bring about a storm.



DOWN

1 An announcement over the 1MC at 0600 local time

3 Casualty Report.

4 A gathering of all the people in the organization.

5 A personal storage area located underneath a Sailor's rack.

6 Delinquent in Qualifications, or some other admin requirement.

9 An individual who has crossed the Antarctic Circle.

10 An officer who came from the enlisted ranks.

12 Chief Engineer.

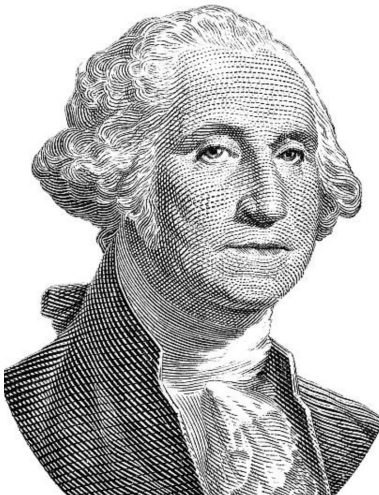
14 An individual who has not crossed the Equator.

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS
2. Dogzebra
4. Unsat
6. Vulturesrow
9. Airstart
11. Burnbag
13. TLD
14. Hamster

DOWN
1. Ladderwell
3. Officer Country
5. Shellback
7. Liberty
8. Agang
10. Standby
12. Insurv

GEORGE'S JOKE CORNER



What do you call a seagull's ghost?

A SEA GHOUL!

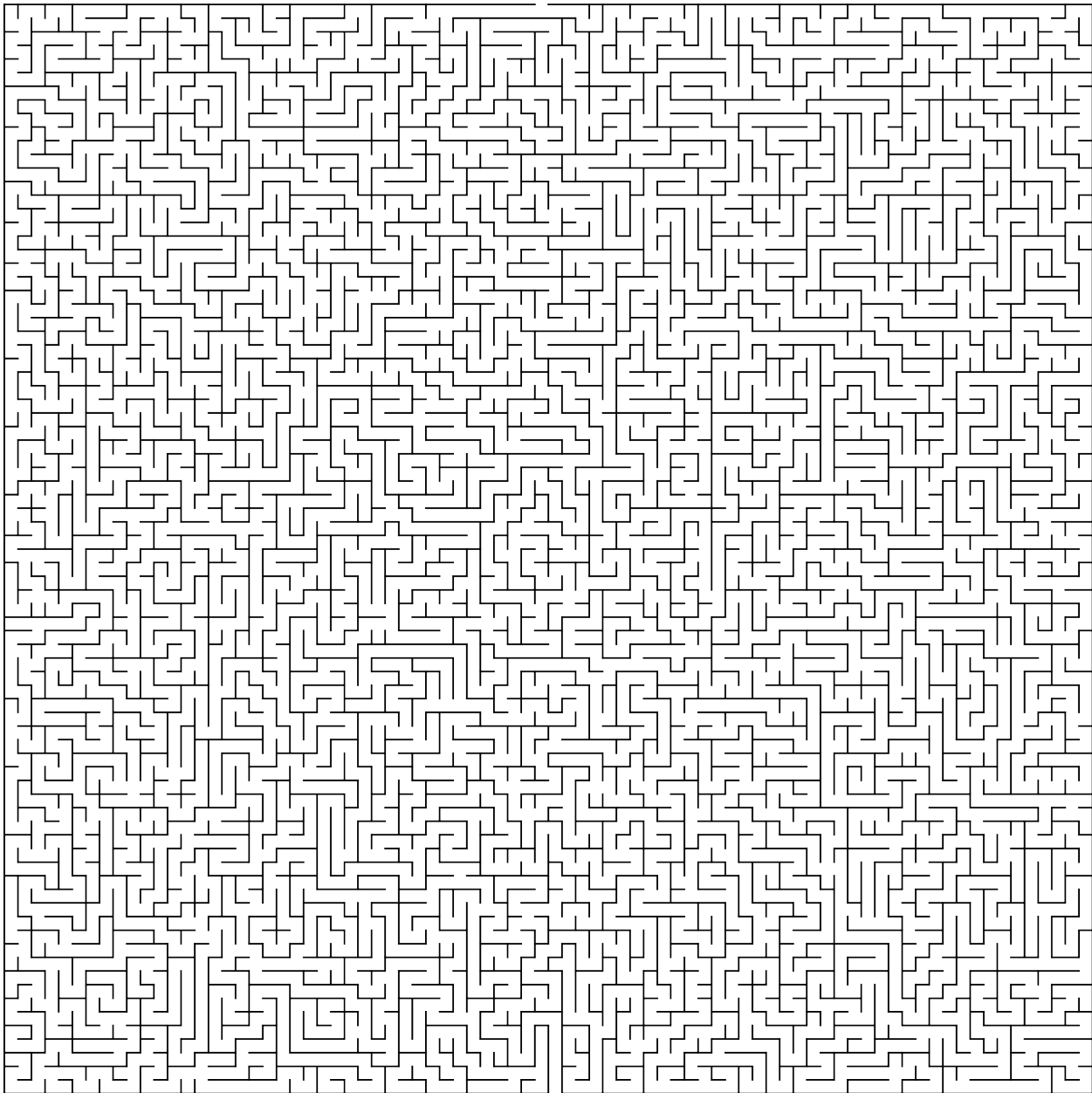
Think you've got a better joke? Make a submission to MCSN Cosby at paul.cosby@cvn73.navy.mil

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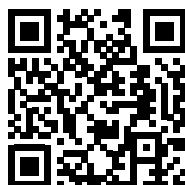
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CAN YOU SPOT ALL 30 ?**





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