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Ambassador Visit

YAMADA Shigeo, the Japanese ambassador to the United States visited GW for an all hands call with to welcome Sailors to Japan.



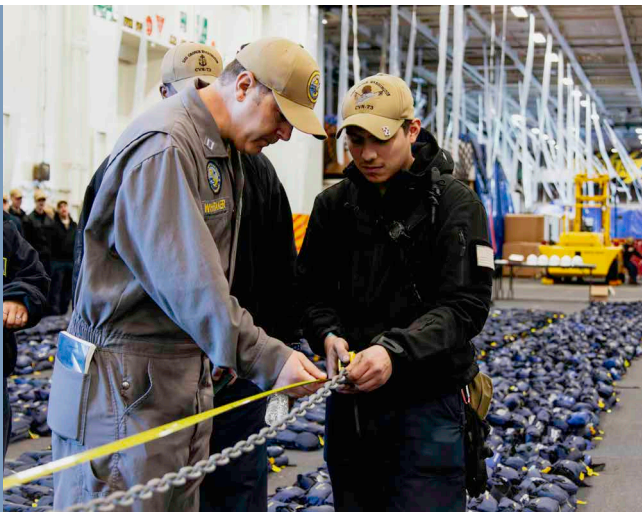
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Officers visit GW

First commanding officer of George Washington, retired Rear Adm. Robert M. Nutwell and fifth commanding officer retired Rear Adm. William J. McCarthy tour the museum onboard GW.



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GW 'SURVs it up!

The Board of Inspection and Survey assessed the crew's warfighting and mission readiness.



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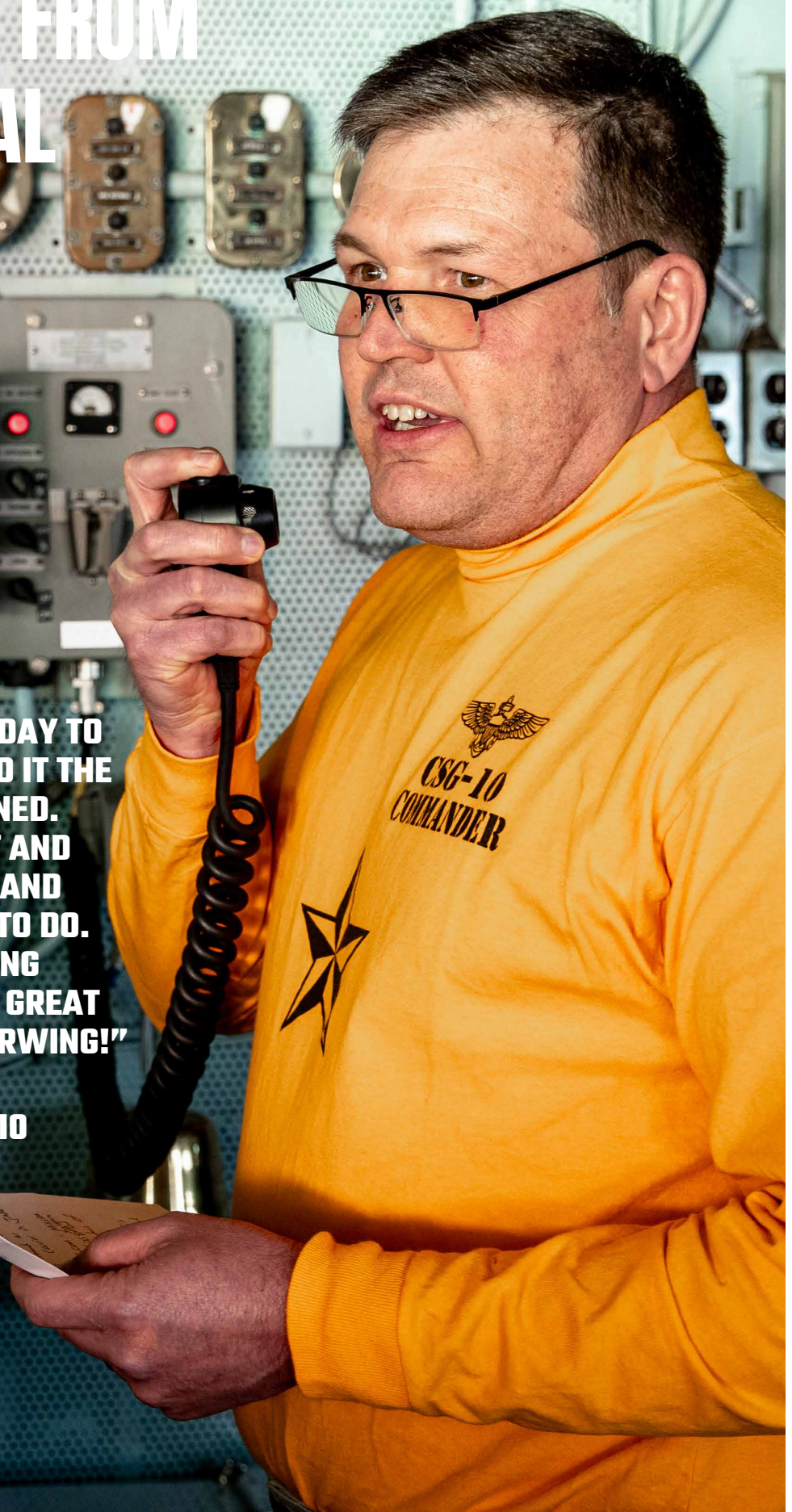
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIRAL

**"BE DILLIGENT ON YOUR DAY TO
DAY OPERATIONS AND DO IT THE
WAY YOU'VE BEEN TRAINED.
I HAVE COMPLETE TRUST AND
CONFIDENCE IN YOU ALL AND
THAT YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I AM PROUD TO BE SERVING
ALONGSIDE YOU ON THIS GREAT
WARSHIP AND GREAT AIRWING!"**

**- RDML WESTENDORFF,
CARRIER STRIKE GROUP 10**



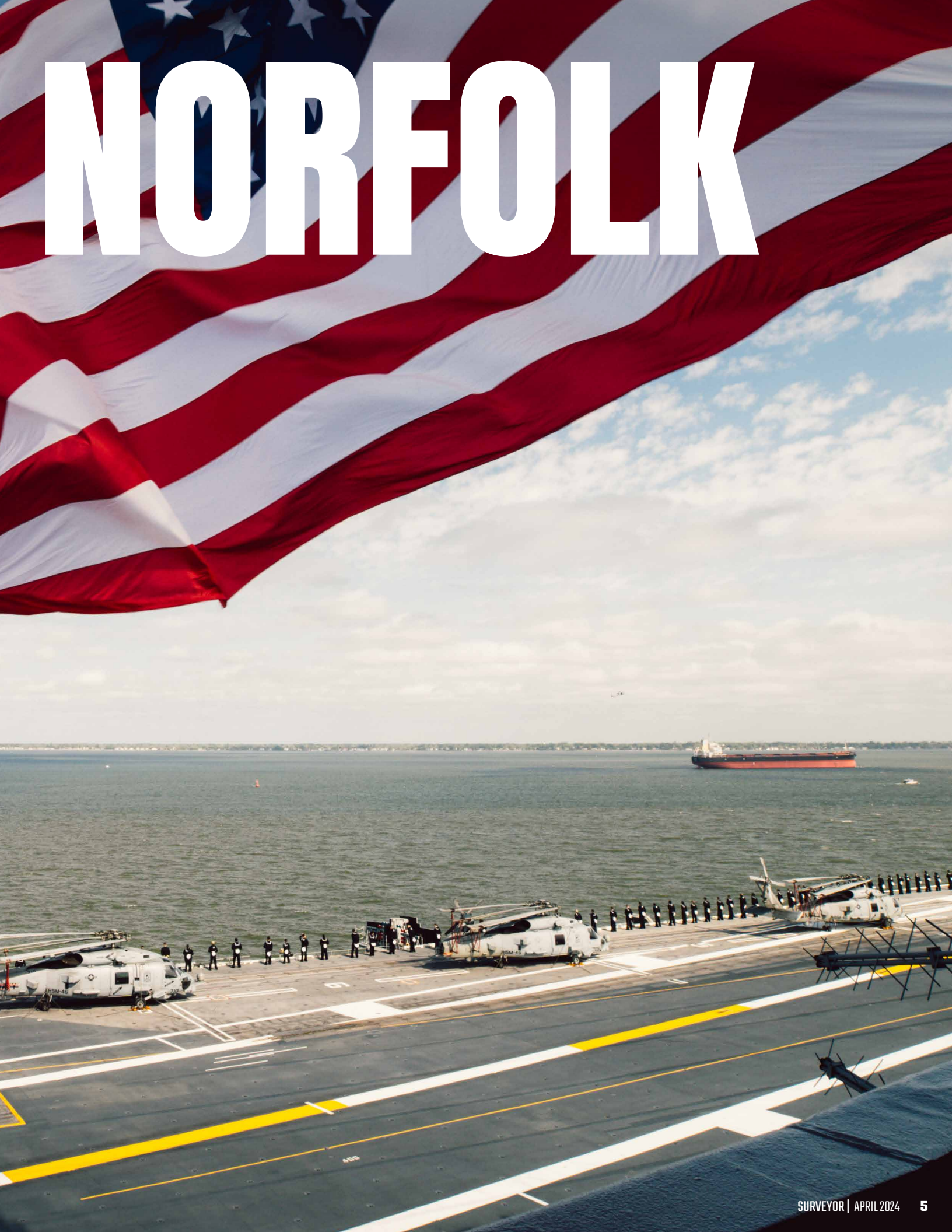
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George Washington departs Naval Station Norfolk for Southern Seas 2024 which seeks to enhance capability, improve interoperability, and strengthen maritime partnerships with countries throughout the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility through joint, multinational and interagency exchanges and cooperation.





NORFOLK

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) with embarked Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 10 and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7 departed Naval Station Norfolk, April 25 to deploy to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility as a part of Southern Seas 2024.

George Washington will complete a homeport change when the ship and crew replaces Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) as the forward-deployed Naval Forces-Japan (FDNF-J) aircraft carrier, forward-deployed to Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan this fall.

After completing its midlife refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) at Newport News Shipbuilding in May 2023, George Washington has prepared for deployment for the past ten months completing numerous pre-deployment certifications and inspections, to include: flight deck certification, Tailored Ship's Training Availability/Final Evaluation Problem (TSTA/FEP), and the Board of Inspection and Survey.

"Team Warfighter is ready to go," said Capt. Tim Waits from Anniston, Alabama, commanding officer of George Washington. "Not only for the adventure that awaits in South America, but ready to serve as the nation's forward deployed naval forces carrier in Yokosuka."

For the majority of Sailors aboard George Washington this deployment will be their first deployment.

George Washington, Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78), and Henry J. Kaiser-class replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall (T-AO-189) are scheduled to conduct passing exercises and operations at sea with partner nation maritime forces as the ships circumnavigate the continent of South America.



**Sailors man the rails aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, April 25, 2024.
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson**



**Sailors man the rails aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, April 25, 2024.
Photo by MC2 Nicholas A. Russell**



**Sailors man the rails on George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, April 25, 2024.
Photo by MC2 John T. Jarrett**



**Master Chief Navy Counselor Jorge Carrillo, from Los Angeles, administration department's leading chief petty officer, mans the rails aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, April 25, 2024.
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson**

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR VISIT

PHOTOGRAPHS: MC3 AUGUST Y. CLAWSON

STORY: MC2 JOHN T. JARRETT



Japanese Ambassador to the United States YAMADA Shigeo, middle, poses with Matt Napoli, left, Naval Reactors, and Capt. Tim Waits, right, commanding officer of George Washington during a visit prior to the ship's deployment, April 24, 2024.



Rear Adm. Robert Westendorff, commander Carrier Strike Group 10, left, walks with Japanese Ambassador to the United States YAMADA Shigeo, right, during a tour of George Washington prior to the ship's deployment April 24, 2024.



Japanese Ambassador to the United States YAMADA Shigeo, middle, receives a tour of George Washington during a visit prior to the ship's deployment, April 24, 2024.

THE AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE:



On behalf of the people of Japan, I am here today to wish USS George Washington and all of its crew a safe voyage. And to thank you for the role you play in the security of Japan and of the Indo-Pacific region.

When I was first posted to Washington thirty-five years ago, I accompanied the then Japanese ambassador to an aircraft carrier, USS Independence, which was about to deploy to Japan. I was a brand new, young second secretary in my first job. And on that trip to San Diego, the ambassador expressed his gratitude to the crew. And I still clearly remember that I also expressed my gratitude to the crew of the Independence.

Today, I feel that very same gratitude to all of you. Today, of course, I am much more aware of what our relationship and its responsibilities and consequences mean. While USS Independence was decommissioned in 1998, the need it filled is even larger today. George Washington symbolizes in steel the answer to that need.

The international order is entering a new era facing unprecedented challenges.

Russia has invaded Ukraine. The People's Republic of China has attempted to unilaterally change the status quo by force in the East China Sea and the South China Sea. North Korea continues to rattle its saber with nuclear threats and missile launches. These are the rough seas that you will be sailing into as you make your way to Japan.

How do we protect against such threats and provocations?

For one thing, Japan and the United States are much closer allies today than we were thirty-five years ago. Our alliance is larger in concept, and in reality, than it once was.

Japan has changed its defense posture over the years, becoming more active and ready.

As Prime Minister KISHIDA said to the U.S. Congress during his recent official visit, "We have transformed ourselves from a reticent ally, recovering from the devastation of World War II, to a strong, committed ally, looking outward to the world."

We are working to ensure that our alliance is equipped to tackle the challenges of the 21st century.

A couple of weeks ago during that Japan-U.S. summit, our two countries affirmed that the Japan-U.S. alliance has grown into a global partnership. This is a global partnership for the benefit not just of our two countries but of the larger world.

This strong alliance is based on our shared fundamental respect for international law, including the protection and promotion of human rights and dignity, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states, and the prohibition on acquisition of territory by force.

Our purpose as partners is to bolster the free and open international order based on the rule of law that has allowed so many nations to develop and prosper.

The presence of George Washington in the Western Pacific, working closely with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, is hard evidence we are equipped to meet the challenges. It embodies the U.S. commitment to the Indo-Pacific region. It is the only

U.S. aircraft carrier stationed in an overseas country.

In 1998, USS Kitty Hawk replaced USS Independence in Yokosuka. Shortly after that, I had the privilege of spending one night aboard Kitty Hawk when it was training in the waters off Japan. I saw firsthand how the crew was engaged 24-7 to maintain the deterrence that protects the free from those who would take that freedom away. This is the same deterrence that I know you embody.

Undoubtedly, we are reassured that the “Spirit of Freedom” is going to play a key role with us to secure our free and open future.

When you think of this massive ship that we are on, think of it as something even larger than what you can see. It is not only a big ship. It is a big idea.

It represents a vessel of order and freedom in the seas of disorder and turmoil. It represents our alliance.

And when it is in the Indo-Pacific, it represents the strong ties between the U.S. Navy and the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, working together to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The people of Japan and the entire Indo-Pacific region are thankful for the work you do; the work defending the peace and security of the region; and the work ensuring freedom, prosperity, and their very way of life.

In closing, just let me say that, thanks to the work of both our countries, as you set sail, the Japan-U.S. Alliance is stronger than ever.

Japan is on deck with you; we are on task with you; and we are ready to confront any distress together. As Prime Minister KISHIDA said to Congress a couple of weeks ago, “Japan is already standing shoulder to shoulder with the United States. You are not alone. We are with you.”

And while I came to wish you a safe voyage, let me be the first-in-advance to welcome you to Japan for when you eventually arrive. We will be waiting for you, and we will welcome you with heartfelt anticipation and friendship.

Once again, thank you to each and every one of you on this ship for the work you do.

Thank you very much.



Japanese Ambassador to the United States YAMADA Shigeo addresses Sailors during an all hands call in the foredeck onboard George Washington prior to the ship's deployment, April 24, 2024.

USS George Washington hosts retired Rear Adm. Robert M. Nutwell, right, the first commanding officer of George Washington, and retired Rear Adm. William J. McCarthy, left, the fifth commanding officer of George Washington, in Norfolk, Virginia, April 16, 2024.



GEORGE WASHINGTON WELCOMES FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

PHOTOGRAPHS: MC3 WADELON G. PRESLEY STORY: MCSN KIEJUANESHA S. SIMMONS

George Washington hosted two previous commanding officers April 16 before departing Norfolk to complete a homeport change when the ship and crew replaces Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) as the forward-deployed Naval Forces-Japan (FDNF-J) aircraft carrier this fall.

Both of these commanding officers, including the first commanding officer of George Washington, retired Rear Adm. Robert Michael Nutwell and the fifth commanding officer retired Rear Adm. William John McCarthy, contributed significantly to the ship's legacy.

While onboard, they toured the recently renovated museum which displays items from both officers. They viewed their contributions on display for the first time since the museum's rededication on March 21.

Nutwell commanded George Washington from March 1990 until January 1993 and served during the ship's commissioning on July 4, 1992.

"It is an honor being here to see the ship's new museum," said Nutwell. "This Museum preserves the history and legacy of our founding father and also represents the capital ships of the U.S. Navy to domestic and foreign visitors."

McCarthy commanded George Washington from November 1999 until April 2002 and commanded the ship during the Sept. 11 attacks. The ship was conducting carrier qualifications near Virginia when it was diverted to provide air support to New York City following the attacks. Part of the museum commemorates the crews' dedication to New York City, as well as displays McCarthy's flight jacket from when he served on board as Commander, Carrier Strike Group 8 in 2005.

“This museum is an awesome example of the past, present, and future of this ship,” said McCarthy. “I am thankful to be a part of this legacy.”

George Washington will deploy to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility over the next few months as part of U.S. Naval forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet’s Southern Seas 2024 deployment. George Washington, Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78), and Henry Kaiser-class replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall (T-AO-189) are scheduled to conduct passing exercises and operations at sea with partner nation maritime forces as the ships circumnavigate the continent of South America.

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**- Retired Rear Adm.
Robert M. Nutwell**



George Washington hosts retired Rear Adm. William J. McCarthy, the fifth commanding officer of George Washington, in Norfolk, Virginia, April 16, 2024.

SOUTHERN SEAS 2024 CRUISEBOOK

Deployment Memories in One Book
MWR Sales begin May 3



ENLISTED LEADER DEVELOPMENT COURSE



E-6 TO E-7

ALDC must be completed
by Jan. 1, 2025.

E-5 TO E-6

ILDC must be completed prior
to Navy Wide Advancement
Exam, March 2025.

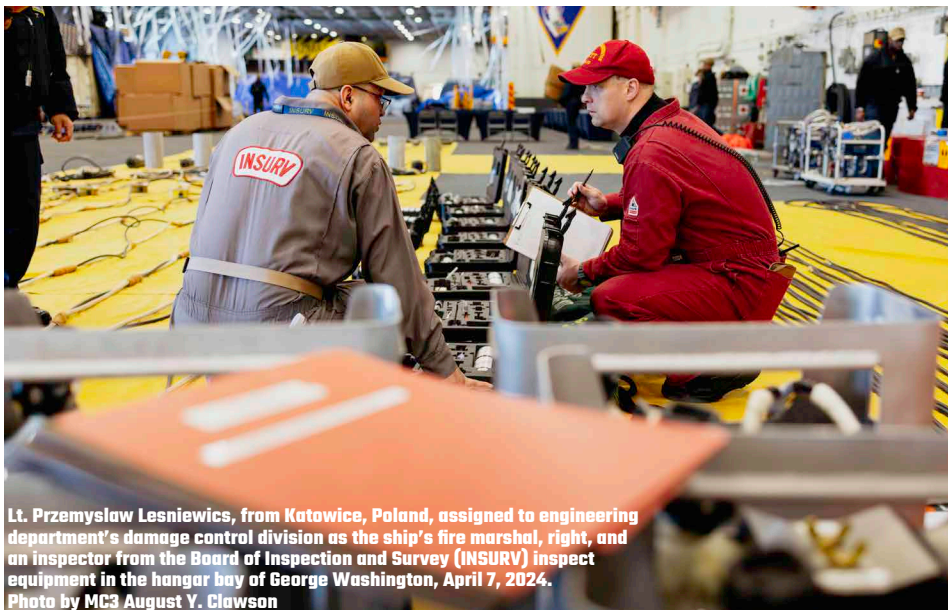
E-7 TO E-8

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prior to submitting FY25
board package.

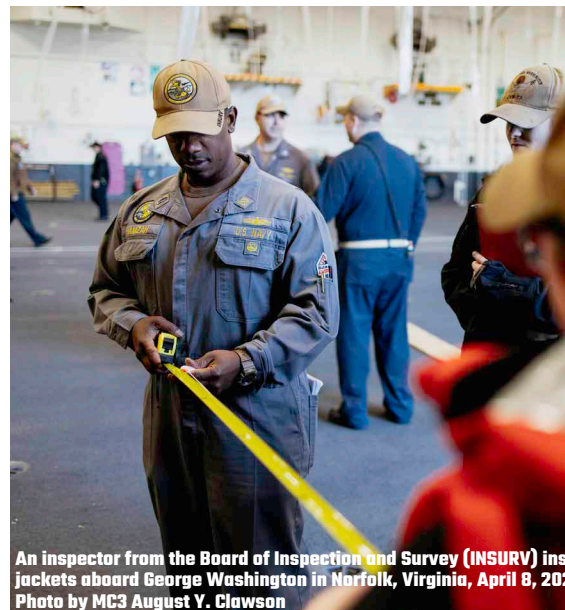
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INSURV

EXCEEDING THE STANDARD



Lt. Przemyslaw Lesniewics, from Katowice, Poland, assigned to engineering department's damage control division as the ship's fire marshal, right, and an inspector from the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) inspect equipment in the hangar bay of George Washington, April 7, 2024.
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson



An inspector from the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) inspects jackets aboard George Washington in Norfolk, Virginia, April 8, 2024.
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson



Damage Controlman 2nd Class Nicholas Hass, from Corinth, Mississippi, assigned to engineering department's damage control division, uses a water rod to unclog a flight deck sprinkler during Inspection and Survey (INSURV) aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean April 11, 2024.
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson

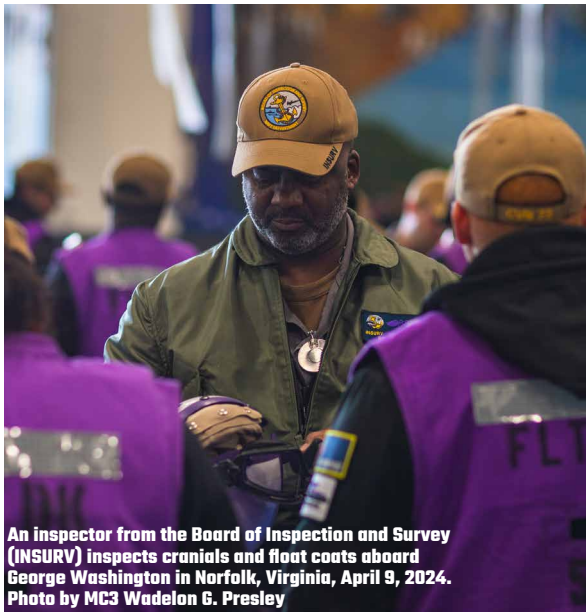
AFTER MONTHS OF PREPARATION, THE CREW ABOARD GEORGE WASHINGTON DEMONSTRATED THE SHIPS MATERIAL CONDITION AND WARFIGHTING SYSTEMS AHEAD OF THEIR SOUTHERN SEAS 2024 DEPLOYMENT.



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24.



Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Bianca Johnson, from Atlanta, assigned to weapons department prepares for an MK-38 25mm gun mount system test during Inspection and Survey (INSURV) aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean April 11, 2024.
Photo by MCSN Travis S. Hanes



An inspector from the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) inspects cranials and float coats aboard George Washington in Norfolk, Virginia, April 9, 2024.
Photo by MC3 Wadelon G. Presley



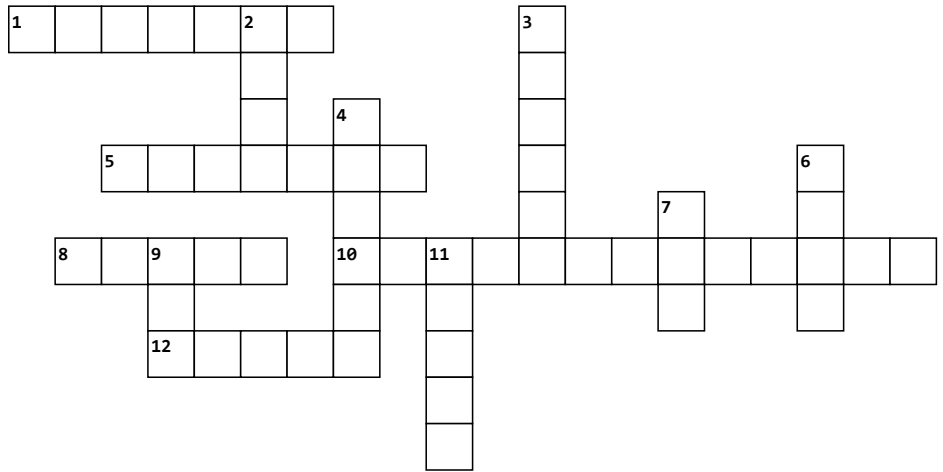
An inspector from the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) inspects life preservers in the hangar bay of George Washington April 8, 2024.
Photo by MCSN Geoffrey L. Ottinger

THE GW CROSSWORD

ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEK'S
SURVEYOR

ACROSS

- 1** A light line used to hoist a flag or pennant.
- 5** To engage in irresponsible horseplay.
- 8** Ladderwell "Step."
- 10** To free from harmful residue of nuclear or chemical attack.
- 12** Lowest area of the ship where spills and leaks gather; to fail an examination.



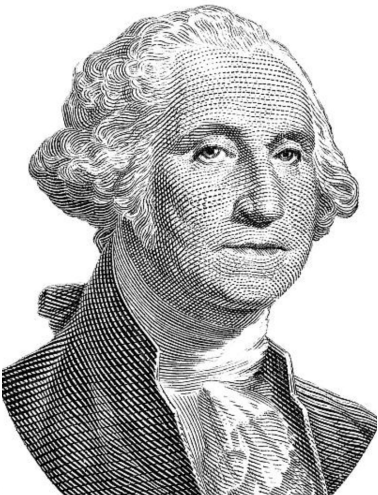
DOWN

- 2** Side-to-side movement of a ship while under way.
- 3** Behind a ship.
- 4** Area in the superstructure from which a ship is operated.
- 6** A mop; to mop.
- 7** Planned Maintenance System, Abv.
- 9** A falling tide.
- 11** Deck fitting through which mooring lines are led.

FEBRUARY SOLUTIONS

- ACROSS**
3. Bend
4. Lookouts
5. ASVAB
7. Chow
10. Armament
11. Fantail
12. Overhaul
14. RADHAZ
- DOWN**
1. Truck
2. Jettison
6. Dinghy
8. Helo
9. Hashmark
13. LCAC

GEORGE'S JOKE CORNER



What did the Sailor say when the ship got underway?

No Cap.

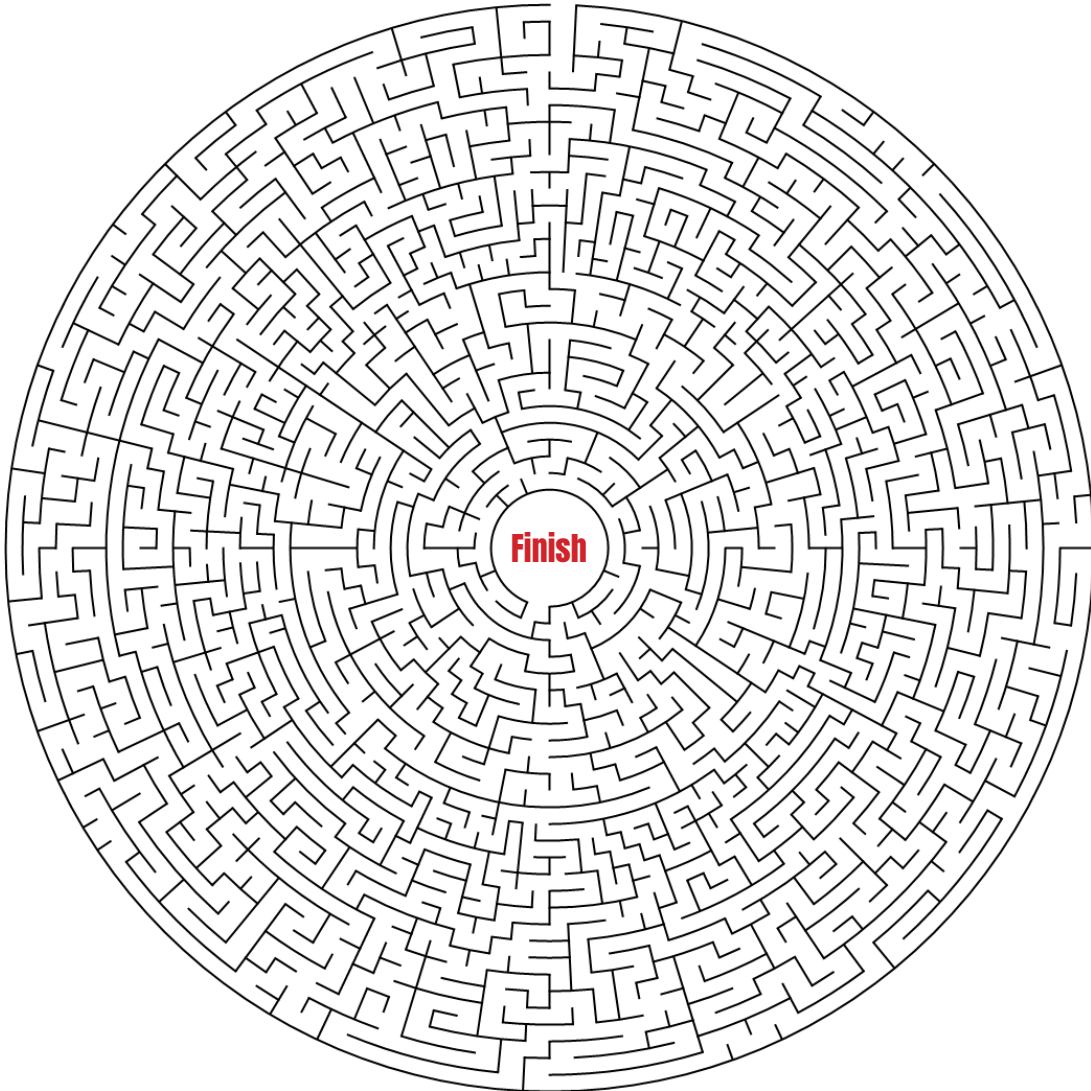
Think you've got a better joke? Make a submission to MCSN Hanes at travis.hanes@cvn73.navy.mil

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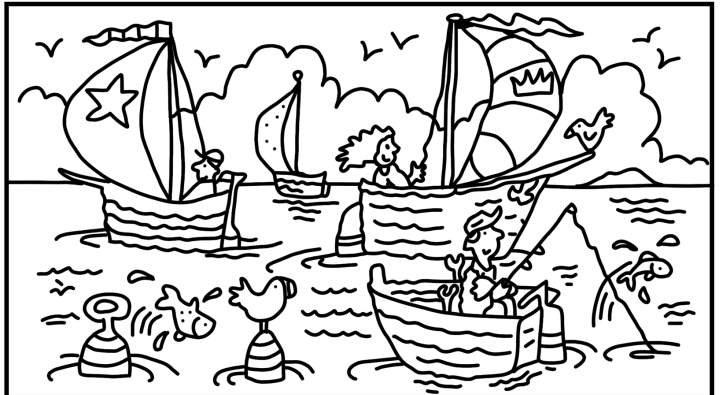
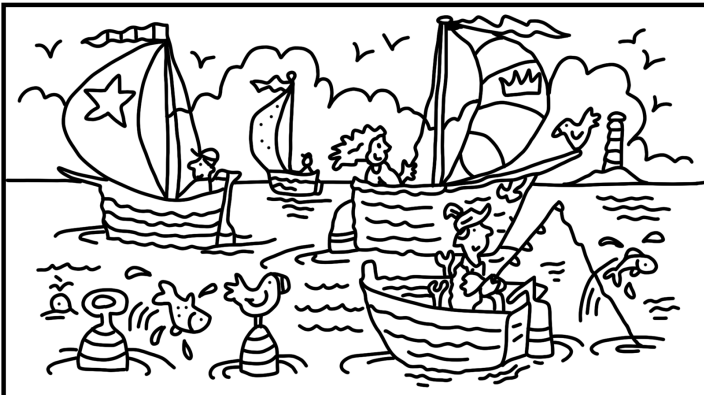
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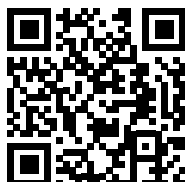
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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
CAN YOU SPOT ALL 10?





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