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# BRAVO ZULU! JOB WELL DONE!



## TEAM FREEDOM AND TEAM WARFIGHTER



# FAREWELL SOUTHERN SEAS

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**Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) transits the Strait of Magellan, June 5, 2024.**  
Photo by MC2 David C. Fines

George Washington Carrier Strike Group completed Southern Seas 2024 after successfully circumnavigating the continent of South America July 4.

Southern Seas 2024 was part of U.S. Southern Command's Enduring Promise initiative, and reflects the United States' continued commitment to friendship, partnership, and solidarity with the Americas, as well as an opportunity to increase interoperability with partner nation maritime forces.

Participating nations included Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and the United States.

"This Southern Seas 2024 deployment required extensive planning and communication from our team, embarked international staff and participating Southern Seas countries, and I am extremely proud of our ability to work together in the planning and executing of this mission," said Rear Adm. Alexis Walker, commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 10. "As a result of Southern Seas, we were able to build stronger relationships within the region, and share knowledge and expertise through subject matter exchanges. We are now better equipped to

collaborate on contingencies often requiring multinational responses."

While operating in the region, Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN73) with embarked CSG-10 and elements of Carrier Air Wing 7, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Porter (DDG 78) and USS Sampson (102), the Henry J. Kaiser-class replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthal (T-AO-189), and U.S. Coast Guard Cutter James (WMSL 754) conducted event-driven scenarios, supported multinational maritime engagements, large-scale combined exercises, cross-deck operations, and subject matter expert exchanges with participating partner nations' maritime forces to exercise interoperability across multiple domains.

"The participation of George Washington and supporting commands in Southern Seas 2024 demonstrates our continued commitment to maintaining unity, security, and stability in the region," said Capt. Tim Waits, George Washington's commanding officer. "What we have accomplished enhanced interoperability in addition to mutual trust and understanding. My crew demonstrated the ability to work with partner nations toward a common goal.



There's nothing we can't accomplish when we work as a team."

Senior Officers from 11 partner nations, along with professors from the U.S. Naval War College and personnel assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 40 embarked George Washington to conduct detailed operational planning in support of operations at sea. The embarked international staff included Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, and the United States.

"The embarked international staff were a new and amazing feature of Southern Seas 2024. It was my privilege to lead this group of 29 joint, multinational officers as they integrated with the strike group, the air wing, and the carrier crew itself in planning and executing over 30 bilateral exercises across six countries," said Cmdr. Michael L. Stampfler, foreign area officer lead for embarked international staff. "From exchanging patches and coins with the crew on the mess decks to weekly fireside chats with the strike group commander, this team got the full U.S. Navy experience and built lasting relationships on many levels."

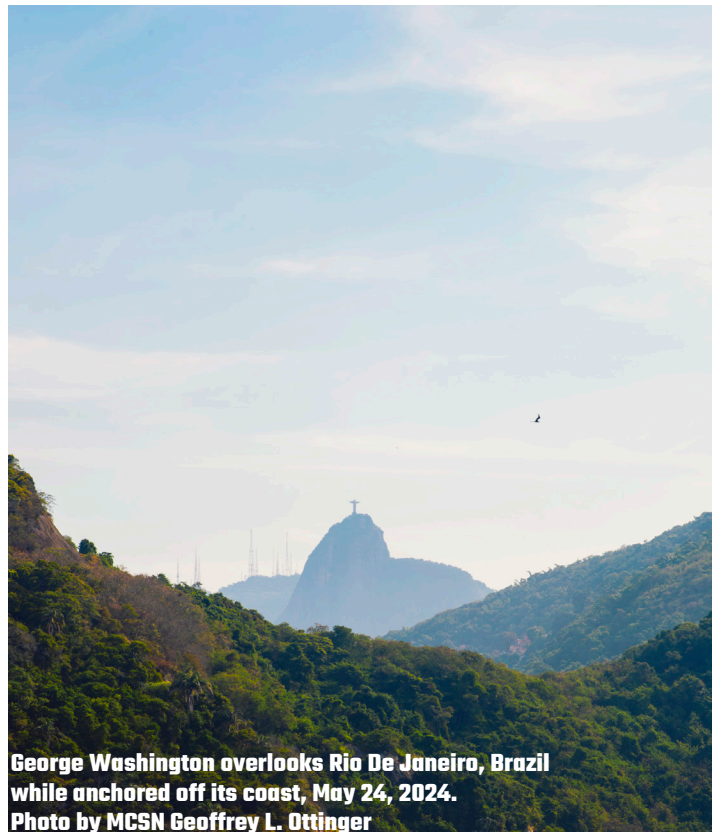
George Washington also hosted distinguished visitor events including formal receptions in Brazil and Peru; and welcomed senior military and civilians aboard to tour the ship, meet with senior leaders and engage with Sailors.

The GWCSG transited the Strait of Magellan, and made port calls in Brazil and Peru where Sailors participated in onboard distinguished visitor receptions, community relation projects, and morale, welfare and recreation events ashore.

George Washington's embarked air wing consists of the "Argonauts" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147, "Jolly Rogers" of VFA-103, "Patriots" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 140, "Sun Kings" of Airborne Command & Control Squadron (VAW) 116, "Nightdippers" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5, and "Grandmasters" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 46.



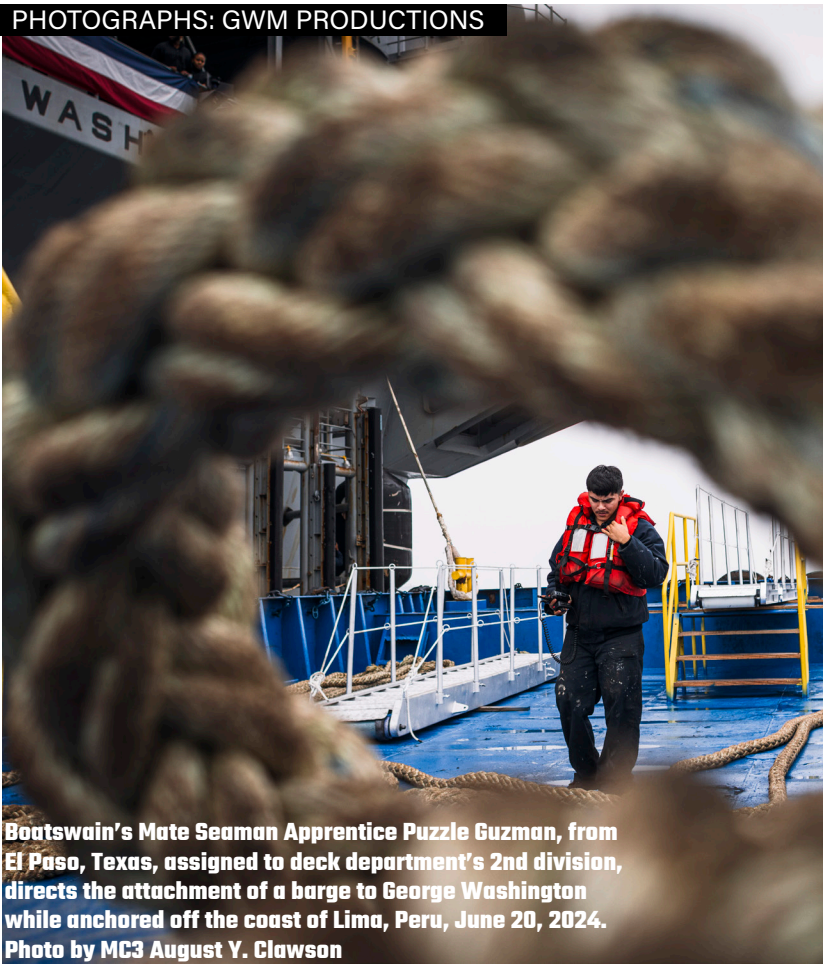
**Color guard stands by during a formal reception in Peru aboard George Washington while anchored in the Pacific Ocean, June 21, 2024.**  
Photo by MC2 Nicholas A. Russell



**George Washington overlooks Rio De Janeiro, Brazil while anchored off its coast, May 24, 2024.**  
Photo by MCSN Geoffrey L. Ottinger



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**Boatswain's Mate Seaman Apprentice Puzzle Guzman, from El Paso, Texas, assigned to deck department's 2nd division, directs the attachment of a barge to George Washington while anchored off the coast of Lima, Peru, June 20, 2024.**  
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson



**An Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 1, and Colombian navy special forces prepare gear in an MH-60S Seahawk on the flight deck of George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, June 29, 2024.**  
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson



**Carrier Strike Group 10 transits in formation with ships from the Argentine navy during a photo exercise while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 30, 2024.**  
Photo by MC2 Nicholas A. Russell





United States Ambassador to Brazil Elisabeth Frawley Bagley, left, is greeted by Capt. Tim Waits, commanding officer of George Washington during a formal reception aboard the ship in Rio de Janeiro, May 22, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Johnathan M. Meighan



A formation of U.S. Navy aircraft fly over Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, May 30, 2024. .  
Photo by MC3 August V. Clawson



Capt. Jason Tarrant, executive officer of George Washington, poses for a restaged photo aboard George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 1, 2024.

# GW SAILOR THROUGH AND THROUGH

PHOTOGRAPHS: MC3 AUGUST Y. CLAWSON STORY: MC2 JULIANNA LYNCH

“G OOOOOD MORNING onboard George Washington! This is the executive officer...” the ship’s 1MC crackles out to thousands of Sailors across the ship, readying themselves to take on another day underway. “Let’s make sure we’re getting out there and getting after it this morning...”

Capt. Jason Tarrant, George Washington’s executive officer or Big XO, is a familiar voice Sailors expect to hear over the ship’s 1MC during Southern Seas 2024.

Over the years, Tarrant’s career never strayed far from George Washington. Every time he crossed the brow as a new George Washington Sailor, his scope of responsibility grew larger, and it all began during his first tour aboard the ship in 2006.

For Tarrant’s first carrier experience, he was attached to the “Checkmates” of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22, which was embarked aboard George Washington. He served as a weapons training officer and a landing safety officer, a naval officer trained to ensure the safe launch and recovery of aircraft on carriers. Southern Seas 2008 marked George Washington’s – and Tarrant’s – first voyage around South America.

“As a junior officer, it was the scale of operations the carrier ran at that shocked me,” Tarrant reminisced. “We were doing work ups before we left, and you could feel the crew’s energy shift as we were preparing to deploy. It felt right. A ship and her crew are designed to be out at sea.”

From 2012 to 2014, as a lieutenant commander, Tarrant served as a department head in both maintenance and operations departments for the “Eagles” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 115 aboard George Washington while the ship was homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. Tarrant explained the high tempo and demanding operational schedule required when assigned to a forward deployed aircraft carrier.

“I had a very rewarding HOD tour, it was a lot of pressure, but, in the end, it was successful,” Tarrant reflected. “Being able to operate successfully at that tempo – that pace – that’s when I realized I could make a difference, and this is what I wanted to do. I’m in it for the long haul.”

Tarrant, now a captain serving as the ship’s second-in-command, looks forward to leading the crew down the home stretch to San Diego





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and taking his career full circle. Tarrant and George Washington – once again – set course to Yokosuka, Japan, as the forward -deployed naval forces premier aircraft carrier in the Eastern Pacific theater.

“It’s unique that I’ve been on George Washington for so many pivotal points in my career,” Tarrant chuckled. “If you enjoy what you do, though, you’ll stay for the people. It’s not all about the ship, but taking ownership of your circumstance and making something you’re a part of better for those to come.”

It’s not about accolades or chasing awards, Tarrant explained. It’s about being present with the Sailors around you and hitting the

deck plates. Leadership is giving people the motivation, and the tools and environment to succeed at the highest level they can.

“It’s never been about the rank for me,” Tarrant explained as he pointed to the eagles on his shoulder. “It doesn’t always register to me that I’m a captain or executive officer now, but if I can make a difference and an impact because of my position – then that’s all for the better. It just takes one person – regardless of their rank – to keep passing along that positivity.”

As a beacon of positivity for the George Washington during their homeport shift, Tarrant continues his daily face-to-face chats with Sailors in the p-ways and his regular motivational monologues over the 1MC, reminding Sailors of events and providing words of appreciation for their dedication to the mission.

“I appreciate all the hard work,” the voice echoes from the 1MC through the ship once more. “Let’s keep getting after it. Sprint all the way through the finish line and finish strong for Southern Seas 2024. We are warfighter seven-three. This is the big X. O. signing off.”



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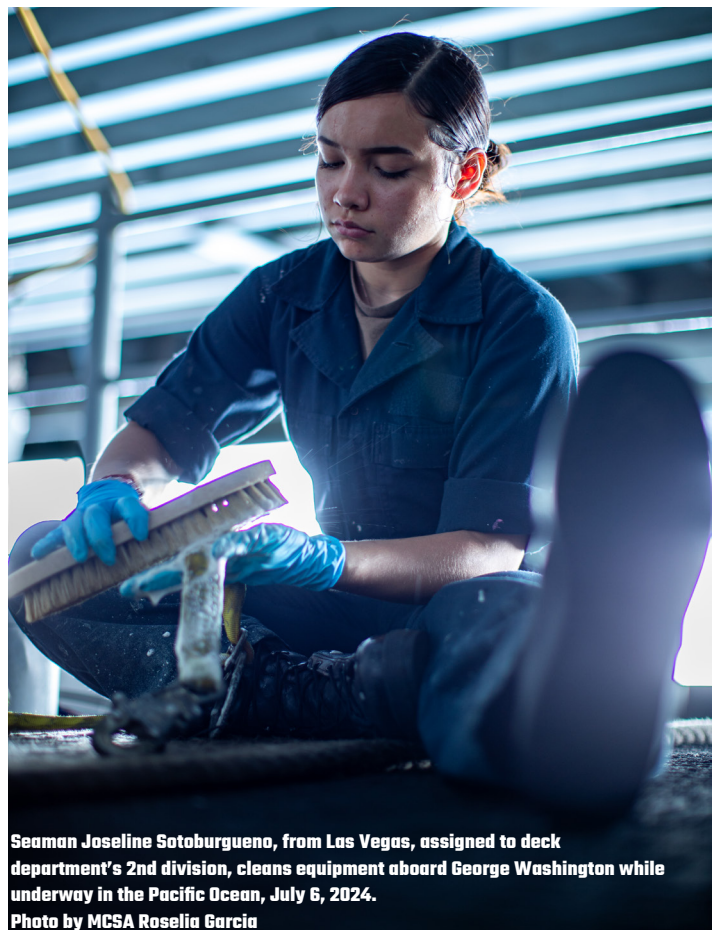
# SAULORS AT WORK



Sailors, assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 140, handle ordnance on the flight deck of George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 1, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson



Naval Air Crewman Helicopter 3rd Class (NAC/AW) Cody J. Pickart, from Simi Valley, California, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5, is lowered onto the flight deck of George Washington during a simulated helicopter, visit, board, search, and seizure operation while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 3, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson



Seaman Joseline Sotoburgueno, from Las Vegas, assigned to deck department's 2nd division, cleans equipment aboard George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 6, 2024.  
Photo by MCSA Roselia Garcia





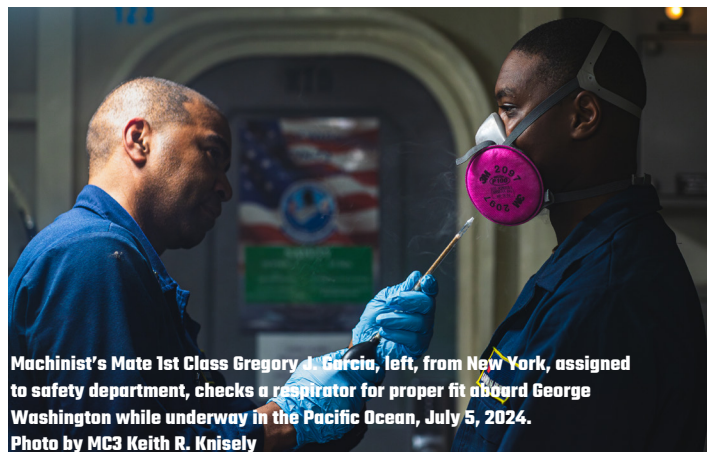
Sailors, assigned to supply department, receive supplies on the flight deck of George Washington during a vertical replenishment while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 4, 2024.

Photo by MC2 David C. Fines



Ensign Hannah M. Smith, from Newport News, Virginia, fires an M18 pistol during a live fire exercise aboard George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, June 25, 2024.

Photo by MC3 Wadelon G. Presley



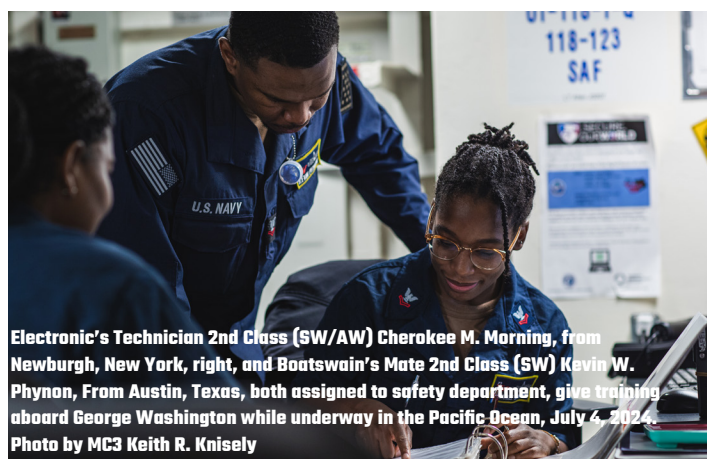
Machinist's Mate 1st Class Gregory J. Garcia, left, from New York, assigned to safety department, checks a respirator for proper fit aboard George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 5, 2024.

Photo by MC3 Keith R. Knisely



Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Joel Camecho, from Statesville, North Carolina, assigned to engineering department's repair division, welds in the repair shop onboard George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 7, 2024.

Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson

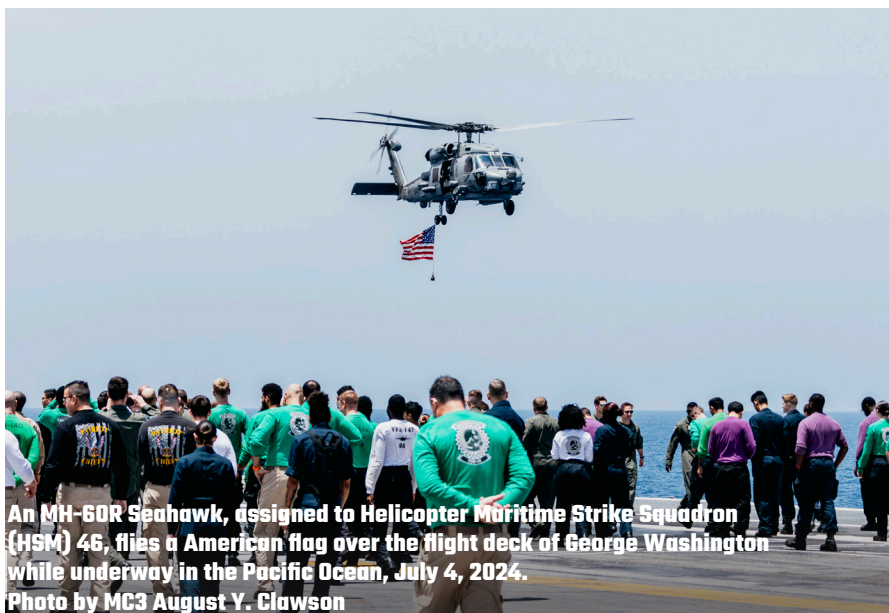


Electronic's Technician 2nd Class (SW/AW) Cherokee M. Morning, from Newburgh, New York, right, and Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Kevin W. Phynon, from Austin, Texas, both assigned to safety department, give training aboard George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 4, 2024.

Photo by MC3 Keith R. Knisely



**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARRIER STRIKE GROUP SAILORS CELEBRATE AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY AND COMMEMORATE THE COMMISSIONING OF CVN 73 DURING A HELO FLY-BY AND FIREWORKS DEMONSTRATION VIEWED FROM THE SHIP'S FLIGHT DECK.**



**An MH-60R Seahawk, assigned to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 46, flies a American flag over the flight deck of George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 4, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson**



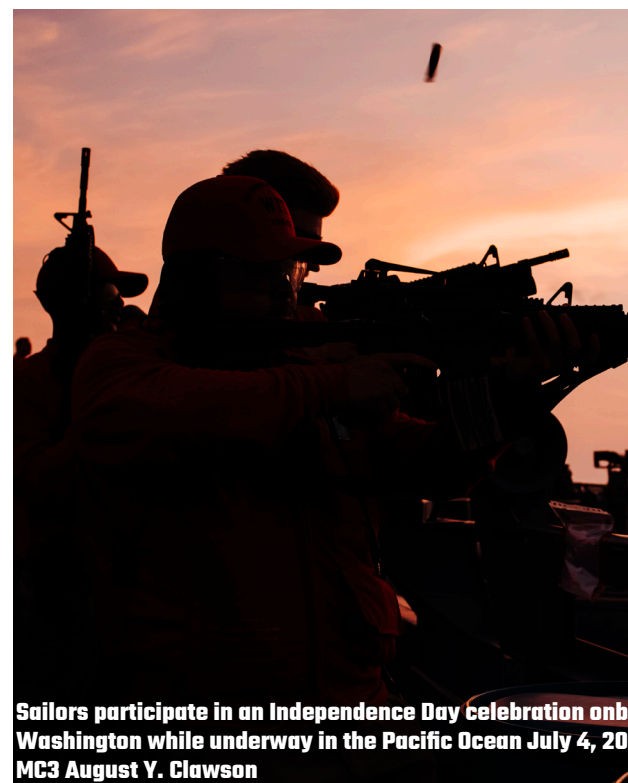
**Capt. Tim Waits, second from left, commanding officer of George Washington, poses for a photo during a cake cutting ceremony onboard the shipwhile underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 4, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Wadelon G. Presley**



**An MH-60R Seahawk, assigned to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 46, flies a American flag over the flight deck of George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean, July 4, 2024.  
Photo by MCSN Geoffrey L. Ottinger**



**Gunners Mate 2nd Class Tyler R. Wyatt, from Miwaus, Texas Washington, both assigned to weapons department's 6-2 division, participate in an Independence Day celebration while underway in the Pacific Ocean July 4, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson**



**Sailors participate in an Independence Day celebration onboard the USS George Washington while underway in the Pacific Ocean July 4, 2024.  
MC3 August Y. Clawson**



# 4TH OF JULY

PHOTOGRAPHS: GWM PRODUCTIONS

... left, and Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Kasen L. Gedney, from Snohomish, ...  
... division, shoot flares from the catwalk of George Washington during an Independence Day ...  
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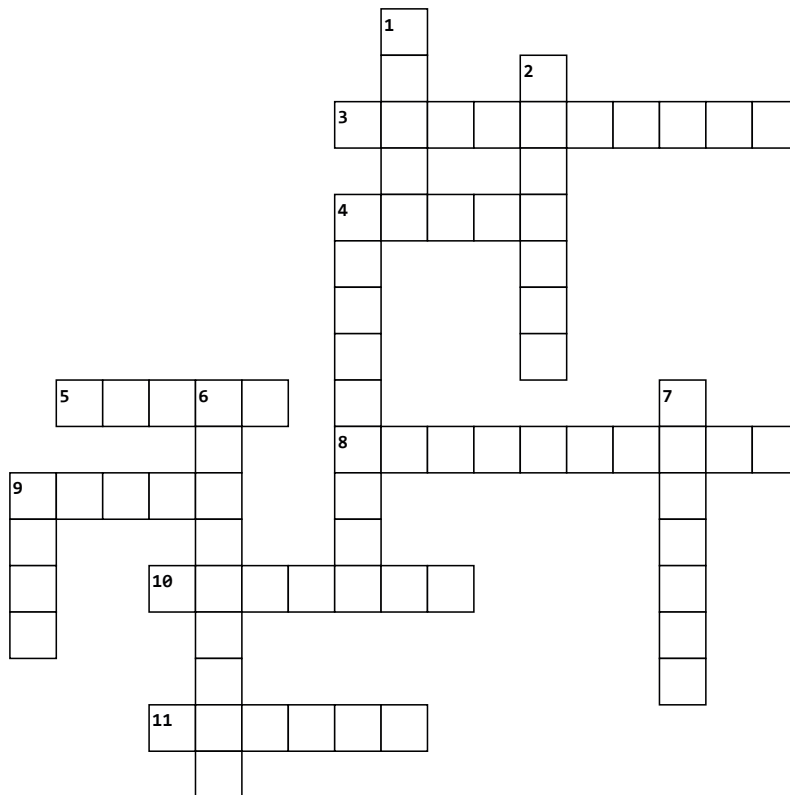
Sailors operate a 40mm saluting cannon on the starboard catwalk of George Washington during an Independence Day celebration while underway in the Pacific Ocean July 4, 2024. Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson

# THE GW CROSSWORD

ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEK'S  
SURVEYOR

## ACROSS

3. Develops thrust or force that propels aircraft forward.
4. Earned vacation time in the Navy.
5. A structure built out from shore to influence water currents or protect a harbor or pier.
8. Time in Navy that decides when you can advance.
9. Red and yellow pennant flown during man overboard.
10. Part of missile, rocket, or torpedo that carries explosive or some chemical package.
11. S-3B aircraft.



## DOWN

1. Length of anchor chain.
2. RHIB on starboard side of George Washington.
4. Imaginary lines that run lengthwise, north and south, between the North and South Poles.
6. Canvas used as a cover.
7. ARS class of ship.
9. Shorthand radio comms for saying "I am finished talking and now its your turn".

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

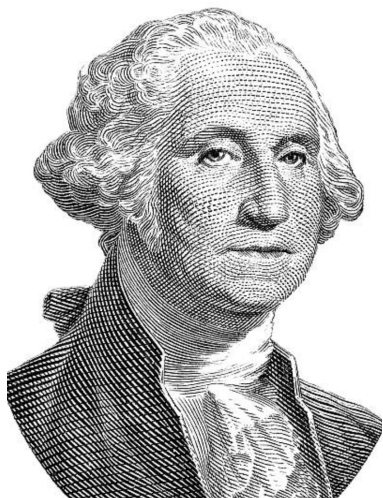
### ACROSS

2. Distance
5. division
7. Neckerchief
8. Naval
10. Interval
11. Billet

### DOWN

1. Sailorization
3. Pigstick
4. Dressed
5. Decoration
6. PFB
9. Aft

## GEORGE'S JOKE CORNER



What do you call a joke  
that isn't funny?

**A sentence.**

Think you've got a better joke? Make a submission  
to MC2 Jarrett at john.jarrett@cvn73.navy.mil

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# SITE-TV MOVIES

AIRING THIS WEEK  
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## CHANNEL 200

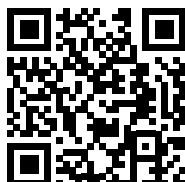
### PLAYS ON REPEAT ALL WEEK

TITLE	RUNTIME
STAR WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE	2 HRS. 16 MINS.
STAR WARS: EPISODE II - ATTACK OF THE CLONES	2 HRS. 22 MINS.
STAR WARS: EPISODE III - REVENGE OF THE SITH	2 HRS. 20 MINS.
SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY	2 HRS. 15 MINS.
ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY	2 HRS. 13 MINS.
SHAZAM!	2 HRS. 12 MINS.
JOY RIDE	1 HR. 35 MINS.
NO HARD FEELINGS	1 HR. 39 MINS.
TRANSFORMERS: RISE OF THE BEASTS	1 HR. 57 MINS.
THE LITTLE MERMAID (2023)	2 HRS. 15 MINS.
THE FLASH	2 HRS. 20 MINS.
FACE/OFF	2 HRS. 18 MINS.
ELEMENTAL	1 HR. 33 MINS.
TRUE GRIT (2010)	1 HR. 50 MINS.
THE BLACKENING	1 HR. 37 MINS.
ASTEROID CITY	1 HR. 45 MINS.



CHANNEL 202

SUNDAY, 07JUL24	MONDAY, 08JUL24	TUESDAY, 09JUL24	WEDNESDAY, 10JUL24	THURSDAY, 11JUL24	FRIDAY, 12JUL24	SATURDAY, 13JUL24
0815 & 1945- BOYZ N THE HOOD	0715 & 2045- FINDING DORY	0910, 2015 & 0550- THE WIZARD OF OZ	0720, 1845 & 0610- SKYFALL (2012)	0820 & 1900 & 0540- RUSH HOUR	0720, 1815 & 0510- APOLLO 13	0720, 1730 & 0330- BRIGHTBURN
1015 & 2145- DUMBO (2019)	1000 & 2230- THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER	1100 & 2205- BEVERLY HILLS COP	0930 & 2055- THE INCREDIBLE HULK (2008)	1000 & 2040- RUSH HOUR 2	0930, 2025 & 0620- RAMPAGE	0900, 1910 & 0500- THELMA & LOUISE
1215 & 2345- ZOO LANDER	1230 & 0055- ROUGH NIGHT	1300 & 0005- BEVERLY HILLS COP II	1130 & 2255- MAN OF STEEL	1140 & 2220- RUSH HOUR 3	1115 & 2210- LIFE	1100 & 2110- THE GOONIES
1345 & 0115- ZOO LANDER 2	1415 & 0240- GEMINI MAN	1500 & 0205- REPLICAS	1345 & 0110- MEGAMIND	1320 & 0000- FOUR WEDDINGS & FUNERAL	1245 & 2340- MEET THE FOCKERS	1245 & 2255- CARS
1530 & 0300- THE PRINCESS BRIDE	1615 & 0440- IT (2017)	1645 & 0350- GEOSTORM	1515 & 0240- DIVERGENT	1520 & 0200- A WRINKLE IN TIME	1445 & 0140- LITTLE FOCKERS	1420 & 0030- CARS 2
1730 & 0500- READY PLAYER ONE	1830 & 0655- IT: CHAPTER TWO	1845 & 0550- INSIDE OUT	1700 & 0425- DIVERGENT: ALLEGIANT	1715 & 0355- THE BIG LEBOWSKI	1630 & 0325- WHEN HARRY MET SALLY	1555 & 0155- CARS 3



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