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Enterprise Carrier Strike Group to Depart for Final Deployment

NORFOLK, Va. — Nearly 5,500 Sailors aboard the ships of the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group (ENT CSG) are scheduled to deploy from Naval Stations Norfolk and Mayport, Fla., March 9, 11 and 12, to support operations with the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleets.

The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65), commanded by Capt. William C. Hamilton Jr., will depart from Naval Station Norfolk for the ship's 22nd and final deployment March 11.

The guided missile destroyers USS Porter (DDG 78), USS Nitze (DDG 94) and USS James E. Williams (DDG 95) will deploy from Naval Station Norfolk Monday, March 12. The guided missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) will deploy from Naval Station Mayport, Fla., March 9.

Working with allied and partner maritime forces, the ENT CSG deployment will focus heavily on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

ENT CSG has successfully completed a series of complex training events and certifications over the last several months to ensure they operate effectively and safely together.

Commanded by Rear Adm. Ted Carter Jr., ENT CSG is comprised of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 12, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 2, Enterprise, Vicksburg, Porter, James E. Williams, and Nitze.

The aircraft squadrons of CVW 1 embarked aboard Enterprise are: Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 11 "Red Rippers," VFA 136 "Knighthawks," VFA 211 "Fighting Checkmates," Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 251 "Thunderbolts," Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 123 "Screwtops," Carrier Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 137 "Rooks," Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 40 "Rawhides," and Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HSL) 11 "Dragon Slayers."

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NOTE:

1) Media wishing to cover Enterprise's departure from Naval Station Norfolk should contact Tim Lamb at (757) 836-4429 no later than 1 p.m. March 9. Advance notification is required for access to the Naval Station.

2) Media wishing to cover the departure of USS Porter (DDG 78), USS Nitze (DDG 94) and USS James E. Williams (DDG 95) from Naval Station Norfolk should contact Jim DeAngio at (757) 836-3142 no later than 1 p.m. March 9. Advance notification is required for access to the Naval Station.

3) Media interested in visiting Enterprise prior to the Sunday departure are invited to participate in a "Media Day" aboard Big E on Thursday, March 8. Interested media will get a tour of the ship and be given an opportunity to interview Enterprise leadership and Sailors who will be making the deployment. Please contact Lt. Cmdr. Sarah Self-Kyler via email to confirm attendance at pao@cvn65.navy.mil no later than 4 p.m. on March 7.