

COMMANDING OFFICER USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)

Dear friends,
Welcome aboard
America's newest
nuclear-powered aircraft
carrier, **USS HARRY S.
TRUMAN (CVN 75)**!
Thank you expressing an
interest in **TRUMAN**, her
crew and the U.S. Navy.



As you will see during
your visit, the Sailors
aboard **TRUMAN** carry
on the proud tradition of
their ship's namesake:
honesty, integrity and an old-fashioned, hard-work ethic.

Attributes like these are paramount for an aircraft carrier crew. As President Truman once said, "Being a president is like riding a tiger. A man has to keep on riding or be swallowed." The same is true of a Sailor: being prepared for conflict is the cornerstone of our freedom.

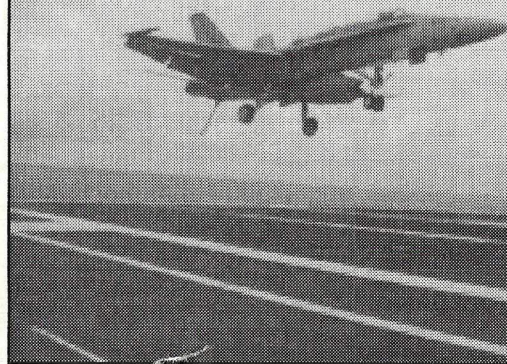
As you can imagine, the ship is home to many different people from all walks of life. Together, they work under the most arduous conditions to protect our continued freedom. They strive, as the ship's namesake did more than a half a century ago, to protect the freedom of our great nation.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any **TRUMAN** Sailor. They are proud of their ship and know their jobs well.

Once again, welcome aboard!

Captain David L. Logsdon

The role of the carrier



The carrier and crew are the centerpiece of the traditional battle group, consisting of its airwing, two cruisers, four destroyers, two attack submarines and a fast combat support ship.

The aircraft carrier has been called our nation's most flexible tool of diplomacy. When a crisis erupts anywhere in the world and U.S. interests are imperiled, a battle group is generally less than 48 hours away. It serves as a highly-visible deterrent to would-be aggressors. If deterrence should fail, then the carrier and its battle group offer the most versatile and powerful weapons systems in the world.

On board these floating mobile airports are seven different types of aircraft. During flight operations, the flight deck is a scene of intense activity. The crew and equipment work as a well-rehearsed, carefully choreographed team. The various functions of the flight deck crew are identified by the colors they wear: yellow for deck officers, catapult officers and aircraft directors; purple for fuel handlers; green for catapult and arresting gear crews; blue for chain/chock runners; red for crash and salvage teams and ordnance personnel; and white for quality assurance/safety personnel.

The carrier is "home" to more than 5,000 Sailors. As a self-contained city, **TRUMAN** has virtually the same amenities as any U.S. city with comparable population. It has a daily newspaper, radio and television station, fire department, library, hospital, general store, two barber shops and a post office with its own zip code.

Support facilities are essential to the operational success to a carrier. A carrier is honeycombed with specialized shops - electronic shops for communication, avionics and navigation equipment and repair shops to maintain all types of machinery.

Behind all these shops and services are the seamen, airmen, petty officers, chief petty officers and officers who, through professionalism and commitment, make it all happen.