News Release

USS George H.W. Bush Completes Post Shakedown Availability

WASHINGTON – Program Executive Office (PEO) Aircraft Carriers announced the successful completion of the Post Shakedown Availability / Selected Restricted Availability (PSA/SRA) for USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) Jan. 28.

The newest and most advanced nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, and the last of the Nimitz class, has been returned by Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding for Fleet service.

“The successful completion of the PSA/SRA is a credit to the crew, the personnel from PEO Carriers, Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Air Forces Atlantic, and the shipbuilder. Together they have returned USS George H.W. Bush to the Fleet to begin a lifetime of service to our country,” said Capt. Frank Simei, In-Service Aircraft Carriers program manager.

George H.W. Bush’s PSA/SRA began in June 2009. During the availability, various improvements were made to the ship, including combat systems equipment upgrades, and minor repairs. The ship’s homeport is Norfolk, Va.

USS George H.W. Bush was commissioned in January 2009 and delivered in May 2009. The ship is the 10th and final Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, and is expected to remain in service for the next 50 years.

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