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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Concludes Eight-Month Deployment

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NORFOLK, Va. -- The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) is scheduled to arrive in its new homeport at Naval Station Norfolk Aug. 7, following an eight-month deployment to the U.S. Navy's 5th, 6th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

Commanded by Capt. John D. Alexander, Lincoln departed Naval Station Everett, Wash., her home since January 1997, in Dec. 2011 for a scheduled change-of-homeport deployment to Virginia for a four-year refueling complex overhaul (RCOH).

During the RCOH period, Lincoln's nuclear reactors will be refueled, the ship's combat and communication systems will be upgraded and modernized, and the hull, mechanical and electrical systems will be overhauled.

Lincoln deployed as the flagship for Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9, commanded by Rear Adm. Mike Shoemaker. Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9 is comprised of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 9, the guided-missile cruiser USS Cape St. George (CG 71), and the guided-missile destroyers USS Momsen (DDG 92) and USS Sterett (DDG 104).

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NOTE:

Media wishing to cover Lincoln's arrival to Naval Station Norfolk should contact Chief Petty Officer Mary Popejoy at (757) 836-8390 no later than 3 p.m., Aug. 6. Advance notification is required for access to the Naval Station.