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Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group to Deploy

NORFOLK, Va. – The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HST CSG) is scheduled to deploy July 22 for an eight- to nine-month deployment in support of 5th and 6th Fleet operations.

In preparation for deployment, HST CSG has completed a series of complex training events and achieved all required operational certifications, ensuring all units are ready for contingency operations overseas.

“The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is ready to deploy,” said Rear Adm. Kevin Sweeney, commander, HST CSG. “I am extremely proud of the men and women who are assigned to HST CSG. We’ve worked very hard over the last several months to maintain our combat readiness following the delay of our deployment in February due to sequestration.”

HST CSG consists of approximately 6,000 Sailors and Marines, including coalition sailors. Deploying units include Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG) 10; USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), USS Gettysburg (CG 64), USS Mason (DDG 87), USS San Jacinto (CG 56) and 1st Combined Destroyer Squadron, a combined U.K. and U.S. staff.

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3 is also embarked on board Harry S. Truman with its associated squadrons – Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 32 “Swordsmen,” VFA-37 “Ragin’ Bulls,” and VFA-105 “Gunslingers;” Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 312 “Checkerboards;” Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 126 “Seahawks;” Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 130 “Zappers;” Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 7 “Dusty Dogs;” and Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74 “Swamp Foxes.”

HST CSG will operate with allied and partner maritime forces, focusing on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

For more information regarding HST CSG’s deployment, log onto www.navy.mil/local/cvn75.

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NOTE:

- **Media wishing to cover Truman’s departure from Naval Station Norfolk should contact the U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs office at (757) 836-4422 by Friday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Advance notification is required for access.**
- **Media wishing to cover the departure of USS Bulkeley, USS Gettysburg, USS Mason, or USS San Jacinto should contact Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic Public Affairs at (757) 836-3140 by Friday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Advance notification is required for access.**