

## Major Milestone: Navy Crew Moves Aboard Ford

“This is the tipping point for *Ford*. Currently pierside in Newport News, we have water under our hull, and 1,600-plus sailors are eating, sleeping and working aboard.”

–Captain John F. Meier, CVN 78’s commanding officer

The first ship in the new class of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78), reached a major milestone yesterday: [Navy crew moved aboard the ship.](#)

In the final stages of construction and testing at Newport News Shipbuilding, *Ford*’s crew saw firsthand the [newly designed ship](#) that provides more space and greater efficiency for sailors.



(Left to right) Capt. John F. Meier, Susan Ford Bales (ship’s sponsor), and Rolf Bartschi cut a 7-foot-long cake during a ceremony commemorating the crew’s move aboard *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78).

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