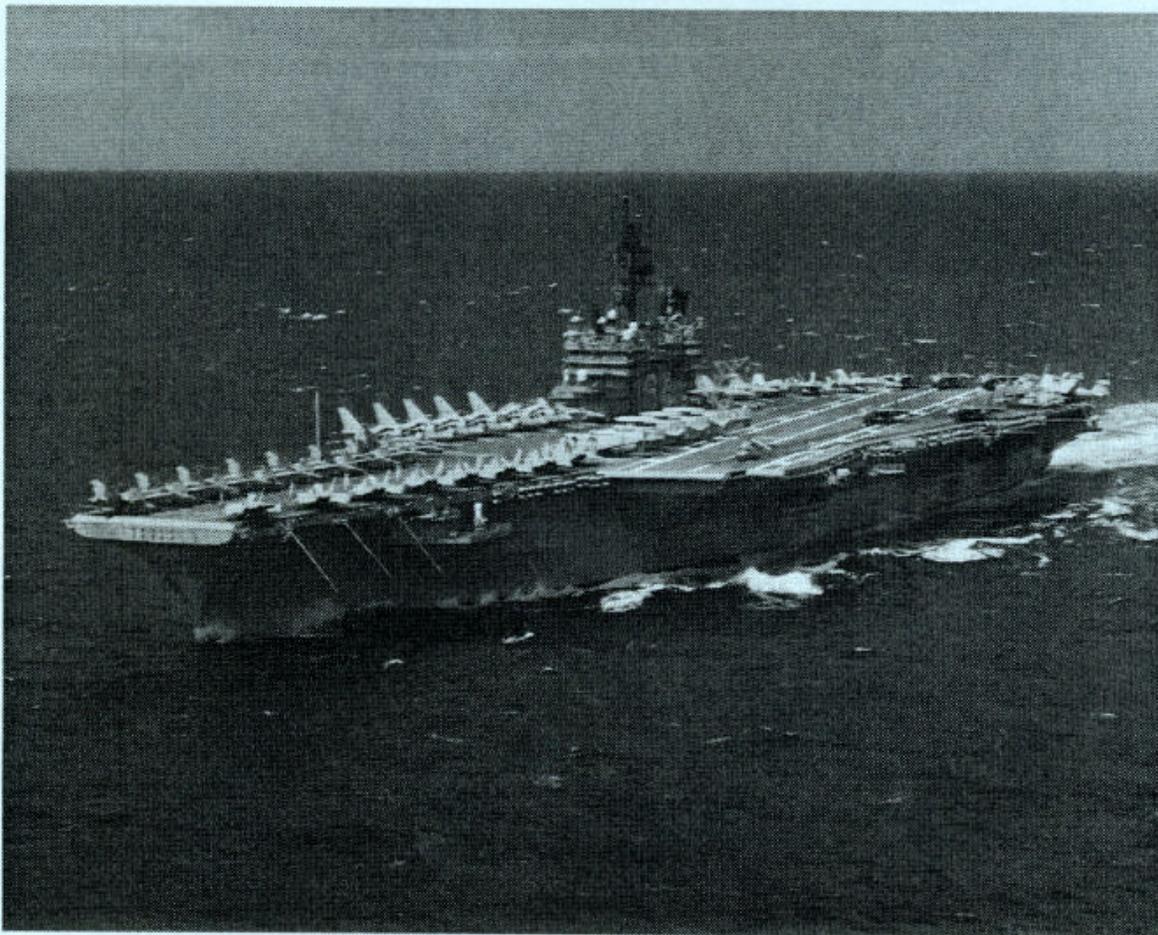


Welcome Aboard! _____
USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)



_____ *"America's Flagship"*



Dear Visitor,

Welcome aboard the greatest warship in the universe, USS Constellation. As you tour "America's Flagship," I'm certain you will see why I'm proud to serve as her Commanding Officer. The crew's pride and professionalism show throughout the ship. Feel free to ask any questions along the way. The crew will be more than happy to answer them. Connie sailors are proud of their ship and are more than willing to show her to you. Enjoy your visit.

Warmest regards,



M. A. Ostertag, II



Captain Marc A. Ostertag, II

Commanding Officer

Captain Marc A. Ostertag, II was born in Wichita, Kansas and raised in Sarasota, Florida. He graduated from Wichita State University and was commissioned an Ensign after Aviation Officer Candidate Training. Upon completing flight training, he was designated a Naval Aviator and assigned duties as a Flight Instructor with VT-7 in Meridian, Mississippi.

Subsequent flying tours included duty with numerous Fighter Squadrons including VF-124, VF-121, VF-161, VF-211, VF-101, and command of VF-102, where he accumulated more than 4000 hours in the F-8, F-4 and F-14 aircraft.

Significant tours ashore have included Pacific Missile Test Center; Aide and Flag Lieutenant to both Commander Test and Evaluation Forces and Defense Nuclear Agency; Aviation Fighter Community Detailer and Air Combat Placement Officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel; and the Staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Ostertag is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. After graduation, he reported as Executive Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67), where he served until receiving orders to Command USS MARS (AFS 1). During his tenure, USS MARS was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for Desert Shield/Storm and the Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet "Battle Efficiency Award." In February 1993, the USS MARS was decommissioned and Captain Ostertag reported to Joint Task Force FIVE as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff. He assumed command of the aircraft carrier USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) in December 1994.

Personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, as well as two Navy Meritorious Service Medals and various other Expeditionary and unit awards.

Captain Ostertag resides with his best friend and wife, Marsha, sons, Doug and Marc, and daughter, Kelly, at Naval Air Station, North Island, California.

Shipboard Safety

1. ***Stay with your escort at all times and follow his instructions.*** In the event of an emergency, your escort will take you to a safe area. If you happen to get separated from your escort, please stop someone and ask for assistance.
2. ***Watch your step!*** The stairs are very steep, so always use the handrails or chains. There are many ankle-twisters, "knee-knockers" and other trip hazards on the ship.
3. ***Watch your head!*** The overhead clearances in some areas are not very high, and there are many things protruding from it. Be prepared to duck. If you wear a cap, be careful that the brim does not mask your vision from overhead objects.
4. ***Smoking is NOT allowed on board!*** Your escort can tell you where the designated smoking areas are on the pier.
5. ***Do not eat or drink while on board, except in designated areas.*** Your escort can tell you where the designated dining facilities are on board.
6. ***Do not sit or lean on life lines, rails or chains.*** Some may not be able to support your full weight, or the ship's movement could cause you to fall overboard.
7. ***Do not run!*** Aboard the CONSTELLATION, only two groups of people are allowed to run: the ship's Fire Party (the ship's firefighters) and Security Force. If you hear someone yell loudly behind you, please move aside and get out of the way quickly.
8. ***Supervise your children at all times.*** This is a must for their protection, especially for those under the age of eight.
9. ***Medical emergencies.*** In the event that you need medical attention, ask your escort or the nearest crew member for help.
10. ***Off limits.*** All sponsons, catwalks, the fantail and all areas marked restricted, are off limits for your safety. Your escort will guide you on where you are able to go.
11. ***If you don't know what it is, don't touch it!*** If you want to know more about something, please ask. The crew will be more than happy to show you how they do their jobs.

USS CONSTELLATION FACTS & FIGURES

Builder.....	New York Naval Shipyard
Keel Laid.....	September 14, 1957
Launched.....	October 8, 1960
Commissioned.....	October 27, 1961
Total Cost.....	400 Million (1961) Dollars
Combat Load Displacement.....	88,000 Tons
Overall Length at Flight Deck.....	1,079 Feet
Width at Flight Deck.....	270 Feet
Height Keel to Mast.....	17 Stories
Area of Flight Deck.....	4.1 Acres
Speed.....	30+ Knots
Propulsion System.....	Eight Steam Boilers
Main Engines.....	Four Steam Turbine Engines
Shaft Horsepower.....	280,000
Propellers.....	Four, 21' Diameter, 44,000 lbs each
Freshwater Distilling Capacity.....	400,000 Gallons/Day
Number of Aircraft Elevators.....	Four
Catapults.....	Four Steam Catapults
Arresting Gear Cables.....	Four Steel Cables
Anchors.....	Two (30 Tons each)
Compartments and Spaces.....	3000+
Accommodations.....	5,500+ people
Telephones.....	1,400+
Meals Served Each Day (At Sea).....	18,000+

Constellation History Highlights

August 1964 - In response to attacks on American destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin, Constellation launches the first American air strikes against North Vietnam.

Vietnam War - Constellation makes seven combat cruises. On the sixth, Lt. Randall Cunningham and Lt.j.g. Willie Driscoll become the first U.S. Aces of the Vietnam War, shooting down five enemy aircraft.

1975 - Redesignated "CV" from "CVA" following modifications to the flight deck and equipment to support the S-3A Viking and F-14 Tomcat.

1987 - Constellation provides air cover for U.S.-flagged tankers in the Persian Gulf.

Feb. 13, 1990 - Constellation departs San Diego for Philadelphia and the Service Life Extension Program, an overhaul designed to add 15 years to the carrier's life.

March 4, 1993 - Constellation departs Philadelphia after completing the 800 million dollar overhaul.

July 22, 1993 - Constellation returns to San Diego and prepares to usher in the 21st century as the newest fleet asset.

November 10, 1994 - Constellation departs San Diego on its first overseas deployment in more than five years to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf.

January - March 1995 - Aircraft from Constellation's air wing, Carrier Air Wing Two, patrol the No-fly zone over southern Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch.

May 10, 1995 - Constellation completes its 17th overseas deployment after operating for more than 10 weeks in the Persian Gulf.