

CVN

79

JOHN F. KENNEDY

KEEL LAYING CEREMONY
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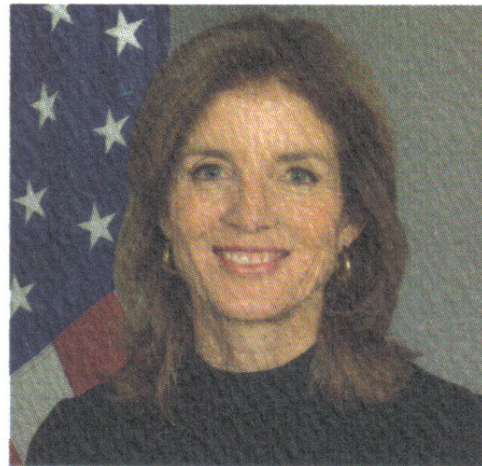


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SHIP'S SPONSOR CAROLINE KENNEDY:

Caroline B. Kennedy was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Japan on November 12, 2013.

Ms. Kennedy is a lawyer, author, education advocate, and lifelong supporter of the arts. Ms. Kennedy has served as the vice chair, board of directors, and honorary director for the Fund for Public Schools in New York City since 2002. From 2002 to 2004, she served as the chief executive of the Office of Strategic Partnerships for the New York City Department of Education. Ms. Kennedy is on the board of directors for New Visions for Public Schools, the New Visions Charter School for Advanced Math and Science, and the New Visions Charter School for the Humanities.



To honor the legacy of her family, Ms. Kennedy works as the president and director of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation where she helped to create the annual Profile in Courage Award. Ms. Kennedy is the chair of the senior advisory committee of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University and also serves as the chairman of the program committee of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, which seeks to improve the lives of those with intellectual disabilities.

Ms. Kennedy attended Sotheby's Institute of Art in London, England, from 1975-1976. She earned a B.A. in Fine Arts from Harvard University in 1980. Ms. Kennedy received her J.D. from Columbia University Law School in 1988.



Caroline Kennedy served as sponsor for *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67) and was just 9 years old when she christened the ship in Newport News.

THE CEREMONY

Ceremonial Music

U.S. Fleet Forces Band
Brass Quintet

Parade of Colors

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps
John F. Kennedy Division

National Anthem

Mr. Antuan Barnes
Sr. Reproduction Clerk
Newport News Shipbuilding

Invocation

Mr. Donald Newsome
Welder
Newport News Shipbuilding

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Matt Mulherin
President
Newport News Shipbuilding

Remarks

The Honorable Terry McAuliffe
Governor of Virginia

Remarks

The Honorable Bobby Scott
Congressman
3rd District of Virginia

Remarks

The Honorable Randy Forbes
Congressman
4th District of Virginia

Remarks

Vice Admiral William Hilarides
Commander
Naval Sea Systems Command

Remarks

The Honorable Sean J. Stackley
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Research, Development & Acquisition)

Remarks & Introduction of Sponsor

The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy III
Congressman
4th District of Massachusetts

Remarks and Keel Authentication

Ms. Caroline Kennedy
Ship's Sponsor

The Keel Laying

Rear Admiral Earl P. Yates, USN (Ret.)
First Commanding Officer
John F. Kennedy (CV 67)

Newport News Shipbuilders

Mr. Leon Walston
Welder

Mr. David Rushing
Crane Operator

Mr. Mike Williams
Lead Rigger

Closing Remarks

Mr. Matt Mulherin

JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN 79) FACTS:

- At an official naming ceremony at the JFK Library on May 29, 2011, U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, CVN 79, would be called the USS *John F. Kennedy*. The announcement was made on what would have been the 94th birthday of John F. Kennedy.
- *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) is the second carrier in the *Gerald R. Ford* class.
- The first steel for CVN 79 was cut in December 2010.
- Since the first cut of steel, more than 450 of the ship's 1,100 structural units have been constructed.
- *John F. Kennedy* will continue the legacy of highly capable U.S. Navy nuclear-powered aircraft carrier platforms.
- *Ford*-class enhancements incorporated into the design include flight deck changes, improved weapons handling systems and a redesigned island, all resulting in increased aircraft sortie-generation rates.
- The *Ford* class also features new nuclear power plants, increased electrical power-generation capacity, allowance for future technologies, and reduced workload for sailors, translating to a smaller crew size and reduced operating costs for the Navy.
- CVN 79 marks the second aircraft carrier to be named for the late president. The first, a conventionally-powered carrier, served from 1968 to 2007 and was also built by Newport News Shipbuilding.
 - Former officers and crew members of CV 67 will be attending the CVN 79 keel laying ceremony.

THE KEEL LAYING TRADITION

A keel laying is the symbolic beginning of building a ship, originating from the large structural beam, or keel, that serves as the foundation or spine of the ship's hull. Although modular construction techniques mean that the ship is no longer built from the bottom up, the keel laying is still celebrated as a momentous event in the ship's construction. During the keel laying ceremony, the ship's sponsor authenticates the keel by chalking her initials onto a metal plate. The initials are then welded onto a plate that is permanently affixed to the ship.