Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

Ready for the Future

By design, CVN 78 is a flexible platform ready to meet the operational needs of the 21st century during its 50-year lifespan.

Weapons Flow: The flow of weapons has been significantly upgraded to support increased sortie rate.

More Flight Deck: The Island is smaller and farther aft than on Nimitz-class carriers, increasing space for flight deck operations and aircraft maintenance.

CVN 78 is designed to be ready for the future of naval aviation as the Navy develops the next generation of manned and unmanned aircraft.

Flexible Infrastructure: CVN 78 is designed to quickly adapt interior spaces for new missions.

Increased Sortie Rate: CVN 78 is able to generate 25% more flight missions (sorties) per day than Nimitz-Class carriers.

The lighter software-controlled advanced arresting gear system increases the ability to recover smaller aircraft with reduced wear.

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