

Chapter 1 : U.S. Aircraft Carrier Lineages (CV 1 to CVN 81 / CVE 1 to CVE)

The Commencement Bay (CVE) class escort aircraft carriers were based on the Maritime Commission T3 type tanker hull and were built as carriers from the keel up, unlike earlier CVE classes.

Carl Vinson November 18, - June 1, Elected to the Georgia General Assembly in , he remained there until , serving as Speaker Pro Tempore during his second term. Elected as a Democrat the next day to the House of Representatives 63rd Congress to fill an unexpired term caused by the resignation of Thomas W. Vinson became a popular candidate who normally ran against only token opposition, and the people of Georgia returned him to that office for a hitherto unprecedented 26 successive terms. Soon thereafter, his strong belief in the efficacy of sea power in national defense earned him a seat on the House Naval Affairs Committee, from which he would guide America toward a powerful presence upon the seas. His subsequent chairmanship of the committee beginning in 72nd Congress gained him the nickname of "The Admiral. Working with Senator Park Trammell D. The resulting legislation reversed a decade and a half of naval neglect and retrenchment and bore the handiwork of the two men to such a degree that it became known as the Vinson-Trammell Act. Undaunted, Vinson continued to strive for naval reform and readiness, presenting additional bills and opening hearings intended to place the U. In and , he introduced bills to raise the fleet to treaty limits, the latter known as the Vinson Naval Expansion Act. All three of his principal legislative efforts included a strong emphasis on Naval Aviation, and congressional representatives referred to them colloquially as "The 1st - 3rd Vinson Bills. Vinson retired from Congress at age 80 in January , and returned to Milledgeville. This great aircraft carrier will add strength. But it must not stop here. Only with determination on the part of our people to remain militarily strong, will we survive. Chronology and Significant Events: The Eagles intercepted the Russians about miles from the carrier and escorted them away, handing the Soviets off to the Phantom IIs, who shepherded the Bears back to Cuban waters. Analysts perceived the move as unusually provocative during a period of heightened tension between the two powers resulting from the Cold War arms build up in Europe. The event caused great controversy in the media, as well as led to heated exchanges between American and Russian diplomats. The shipyard delivered Carl Vinson to the Navy. Carl Vinson completed her initial operational sea period, off the Virginia coast. These were the second Hornet sea trials since the original at-sea tests on board aircraft carrier America CV from 30 October to 2 November The carrier made her first underway refueling, with frigate Moinester FF on 16 April, and her initial underway weapons onload, with fast combat support ship Seattle AOE-3 , two days later. Although she visited St. Carl Vinson conducted a post shakedown availability at her building yard. The ship offloaded her weapons at "Whisky" anchorage on the Elizabeth River on 23 July and proceeded to the deperming [reducing her permanent magnetism to protect against magnetic mines and torpedoes] crib at nearby Craney Island the next day. Workers installed two 3, gallon Aqueous Film Forming Foam storage tanks in the hangar bay overhead, significantly increasing fire fighting capabilities. While in the shipyard, she served as flagship for the commander of Orange forces during Readiness Under Secretary of the Navy James F. Goodrich previously announced that Carl Vinson would relieve aircraft carrier Coral Sea CV , which would switch home ports with the former. Secretary of the Navy Lehman, however, overturned the decision, with speculation centering on concerns over balancing carrier strength between the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. The move also became controversial by affecting sailors scheduled to cross-deck between the two ships. Moranville, Commander Carrier Group 4, broke his flag in her on 2 December. The ship completed post availability sea trials, including additional Hornet operations, off the Virginia capes, before returning for the holidays. The ship anchored at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, on 30 January, which afforded divers the opportunity to photograph the No. The carrier got underway the next morning and returned to Pier 12 at Norfolk on 4 February, unloading ammunition that day. Carl Vinson had her No. She then reloaded fuel and ammunition at Whisky anchorage February. Carl Vinson began her maiden deployment, that included a global circumnavigation and a change of home ports from Norfolk to Alameda. A Soviet Bear reconnoitered the ship while she operated off Puerto Rico, although her fighters did not intercept the Russians. Her Tomcats

intercepted the bomber at nautical miles and escorted the Bear for 17 minutes until the Soviet aircraft exited the area. The ship participated in a "war at sea" scenario with aircraft carriers Dwight D. Kennedy CV , conducting flight operations in association with the "hostilities" phase of ReadEx In addition, HS-4 successfully recovered a man overboard during this period. Although Helo Nos and of HS-4, together with lookouts, spotted debris, and the ship launched her starboard motor whale boat, searchers failed to locate either man. During an aerial firepower demonstration for Moroccan visitors 12 April , Intruders from VA dropped 22 MK 82 bombs in a practice run alongside the ship, forming, in the eyes of one squadron observer, a "wall-of-water. Carl Vinson crossed the equator at the Prime Meridian, at Tomcats of VF, the pilots surprised by the "excellent weather," flew in Glad Customer H, an electronic warfare exercise vs. Carl Vinson operated in the North Arabian Sea. Her aircrews had planned to fly an average of six days on and two off, maintaining a daily maximum of 85 sorties, 11 to 12 of which would be fighter. Inquisitive Soviet Ilyushin Il Mays, however, consistently disrupted schedules, while the extreme temperatures and dust created safety and habitability problems. The latter also completed a world cruise as she shifted home ports from Alameda, California, to Norfolk 21 March September The two carriers launched long range 1, nautical miles strikes against each other, and in MultiPIEx , a combined arms exercise, Carl Vinson operated with guided missile cruiser Worden CG and attack submarine Phoenix SSN Poor weather forced her to cancel most aerial phases of Operation Beacon South Carl Vinson visited Perth. Two days later the ship again crossed the equator. Charles of VA at the controls, missed the wires and hit the ramp during a night landing. It was a calm night, though light cross winds posed landing problems. LT JG Charles survived but suffered back pains and difficulty breathing, and required intensive care. Carl Vinson maintained an around-the-clock alert vs. Soviet and Yemeni Mikoyan Gurevich aircraft [MiGs] and patrol boats capable of launching anti-ship missiles. The crew celebrated their second beer day of the deployment. During the evening Carl Vinson rescued Vietnamese refugees ["boat people"] escaping communist persecution and the upheaval that still lingered following the fall of the Saigon regime in Super Typhoon Forrest slammed into the task force, however, forcing Carl Vinson to cancel remaining events of the exercise and change courses to evade the high seas. Carl Vinson arrived off Pusan in South Korea for a routine visit. On the 9th, however, assassins detonated a bomb among a South Korean delegation led by President Chun D. The explosion killed 21 people and injured 48 more, though the blast failed to kill President Hwan, who arrived late. The bombing caused widespread repercussions due to rumors crediting the assassins with being North Korean agents, which necessitated that Battle Group Charlie, with Carl Vinson as flagship, remain in Korean waters for "contingency operations" due to a possible war between North and South Korea. The ship accomplished more than 11, aircraft launches and recoveries and sailed upward of 40, miles during her maiden deployment. Mayor Dianne Feinstein D. Actor Lee Horsley, portraying "Matt Houston" on the television show of that name, toured the ship. Carl Vinson participated in separate weapons and composite training exercises off southern California, emphasizing the operational employment of all ship and air wing systems. Carl Vinson took part in RimPac [Rim of the Pacific] Maritime, a series of multi-scenario exercises stretching from southern California to the mid-Pacific. Logistics sailors leapfrogged ahead of the ship to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, then Guam and the Philippines. Utilizing the latter as a base of operations, they also sent detachments to various Japanese facilities and to Diego Garcia. Apparently, aggressive flying prevented the Russians " who closed to 95 nautical miles before changing course " from locating the carrier. Fs intercepted a second pair of Bears two days later, at 86 nautical miles. Carl Vinson then provided close air support for marines practicing amphibious landings at Barking Sands, Hawaii, in Bell Volcano 31 October-1 November before putting into Pearl Harbor, prior to continuing on into the Western Pacific. The ship positioned herself northeast of the storm centers on the 30 knot wind radius. The three groups joined east of the Philippines and transited north past Okinawa toward northern Japan. Additional Soviet surveillance flights searched futilely for the ship and due to a combination of evasive measures by the ship and foul weather that hindered flying "a very strong westerly wind apparently forced the sixth Bear to disengage and refuel did not spot her until their sixth mission on the 30th, by which point she bypassed the Okinawa area. Men frantically raced to recover FAs on both of the former carriers, rearm and scramble them aloft. Altogether, the Russians made seven aerial attempts to shadow Carl Vinson during her transit. A few

Soviet aircraft proved noticeably audacious, and as the ships attempted to watch some shadowing Mays on the morning of 2 December, a pair of Badgers closed the carriers to within nautical miles. Shortly afterward, two Bear Ds orbited the buffer zone approximately to nautical miles to the northwest. The crew manned their Battle Stations as radar operators tracked multiple regimental-sized raids comprising three Tupolev TuM Backfires, two Bear Ds, nine Tupolev Tu Badgers and six Mays approaching from three different directions, backed up by numerous fighters that flew barrier CAPs. Tomcats from both carriers intercepted the Russian bombers during tense encounters, reducing a rapidly escalating situation. The Hawkeye detected an additional Flagon outbound and vectored a pair of Fs to intercept it. Surface surveillance included a Kashin-class guided missile destroyer, which a Kara-class guided missile cruiser joined a short while later, after the cruiser emergency sortied from Vladivostok without running lights to avoid detection. Carl Vinson launched an Intruder that discovered the Kara and the Russians responded by simultaneously radiating their air search, missile and gun fire control radars. Meanwhile, an Intruder located a larger Russian battle group, consisting of aircraft carrier Novorossiysk CVHG, Project , another Kara, a Kresta-class guided missile cruiser, two Krivak-class guided missile frigates and a Primorye-class intelligence collector, on a southeasterly course from Vladivostok. The Soviets closed to within 60 nautical miles and Novorossiysk utilized over-the-horizon-targeting to threaten the Americans. Keeping their feet warm proved the most challenging weather-related problem for the crew. The ship set up a soup kitchen on the 03 level to provide hot chocolate, coffee, soup and doughnuts to watchstanders numbed by the cold. After crossing the Sea of Japan the carriers separated, so the Novorossiysk group set course for Russian waters, although the Kara-class cruiser continued to trail Carl Vinson for some time. Carl Vinson completed 14, arrested landings during , raising her total to date to 33, Two Bear Ds flying from the former U. One of the Tus conducted bombing runs in the vicinity of Catwick Shoals. En route, she overtook a Russian Foxtrot-class submarine transiting the strait.

Chapter 2 : CVE Commencement Bay

Aircraft carried: 34 USS Commencement Bay (CVE) (ex- St. Joseph Bay), the lead ship of her class, was an escort carrier and later helicopter carrier of the United States Navy, used mostly as a training ship.

Chapter 3 : USS COMMENCEMENT BAY (CVE) Deployments & History

A complete list of all US Navy Aircraft Carriers, by type and class, in commission during WWII. Links to individual pages giving description, history, and photo.

Chapter 4 : Carrier Free Vector Art - (Free Downloads)

This list of aircraft carriers contains aircraft carriers listed alphabetically by name. An aircraft carrier is a warship with a full-length flight deck and facilities for carrying, arming, deploying, and recovering aircraft, that serves as a seagoing airbase.

Chapter 5 : Guinness Ad # On The Aircraft Carrier - Brookston Beer Bulletin

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Chapter 6 : USS Commencement Bay (CVE)

Japanese aircraft carrier Akagi in April during the Indian Ocean Raid as seen from an aircraft that has just taken off from her deck. The aircraft on the flight deck preparing for takeoff are Aichi Type 99 dive bombers.

Chapter 7 : List of aircraft carriers - Wikipedia

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Which is the best aircraft carrier in the world? Which is the greatest modern aircraft carrier and why? Our Top 10 analysis is based on the combined score of size, displacement, airwing, offensive and defensive weapons and other features.

Chapter 9 : Total Aircraft Carrier Strength by Country

Aircraft carriers currently under construction are excluded due to their inability to contribute to a present-day war effort. The aircraft carrier remains a nation's "symbol of strength" on the high seas and is a sought-after component of several military powers such as China, Egypt, and Turkey.