Newport News Shipbuilding Progresses Construction Activities on John F. Kennedy

Newport News Shipbuilding division is progressing through construction of the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) turning over more than 500 of the total 2,615 compartments, including the machine room, which is one of the larger spaces. The completed spaces allow Sailors to begin training on the ship while final outfitting and testing continues. *HUNTINGTON INGALLS INDUSTRIES*

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – Huntington Ingalls Industries announced Aug. 2 that it is making significant progress in the compartment and systems construction of the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy (CVN 79).

Newport News Shipbuilding division recently eclipsed the 20% mark on compartment completion, turning over to the ship's crew more than 500 of the total 2,615 spaces. It also has installed more than 8 million feet of cable – or more than 1,500 miles – of the approximately 10.5 million feet of cable on Kennedy.

The most recently completed spaces include berthing, machinery and electrical. This allows Sailors assigned to the pre-commissioning unit to continue training on the ship while final outfitting and testing progresses.

"We are pleased with the progress being made on Kennedy," said Lucas Hicks, vice president of the Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) and John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) aircraft carrier programs. "We are in the very early stages of systems testing and look forward to successfully executing our work on equipment, systems and compartments that brings us closer to delivering the ship to the fleet."

Kennedy is more than 80% complete overall and is scheduled to be delivered to the Navy in 2024.