Vigor Successfully Completes USS Chosin (CG 65) Modernization at Harbor Island



PEARL HARBOR (March 25, 2016) Sailors man the rails aboard USS Chosin (CG-65) as they prepare to depart Pearl Harbor one last time. Chosin will be homeport shifting to San Diego to undergo Cruiser Modernization. (U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Krystyna Nowakowski/Released)
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Seattle, WA (February 28, 2023) – Vigor, a Titan company, successfully completed a three-year modernization project on

USS Chosin (CG 65) at its Harbor Island shipyard today, sending the U.S. Navy ship back to its homeport of Naval Station Everett. The project, which encompassed more than 1.7 million hours of work for Vigor employees, in addition to work by dozens of subcontractors and the U.S. Navy, was one of the largest, longest and most complex in Vigor's history.

"Vigor's completion of USS Chosin in Seattle represents an incredible success for our skilled workers and the hundreds of people who worked on this project over the last three years," said Adam Beck, Executive Vice President of Ship Repair for Vigor. "Vigor employees and our many partners successfully managed this very complex project through the COVID-19 pandemic, ultimately returning the ship to the U.S. Navy to continue its service to our nation. We are honored to support the U.S. Navy, and are grateful to all who made this success possible."

Vigor employees devoted approximately 1.7 million hours to USS Chosin over the last three years, modernizing weapons, communications and information systems, as well as upgrading many other areas of the ship. They worked in close partnership with the team from the Northwest Regional Maintenance Center (NWRMC) at Naval Station Everett, where USS Chosin is homeported.

Work on USS Chosin commenced alongside USS Cape St. George (CG 71), which is also scheduled to be completed this year. Both maintenance projects were awarded to Vigor together in 2019.

"This project was not only important to the Navy and our national defense, it also supported more than 600 family-wage jobs at the Harbor Island shipyard," Beck said. "This steady work has allowed Vigor to grow the capacity of our skilled workforce in support of Navy readiness and supported industrial jobs and the local economy."

As USS Chosin leaves Harbor Island, two other U.S. Navy ships

remain at the facility, including USS Cape St. George and USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53). Vigor’s support for the Navy also extends beyond Seattle, with USS Tulsa (LCS 16) currently undergoing maintenance at Swan Island in Portland, OR and USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) nearing the end of its availability in Hawaii.