

# USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Tour

*Come join the San Diego Section of AIAA as we tour one of San Diego's newest naval additions, the USS John C. Stennis. This event is sure to attract a lot of interest so we suggest you make your reservations now.*

USS John C. Stennis' complement of aircraft (F/A-18 Hornets, F-14 Tomcats, EA-6B Prowlers, S-3 Vikings, E-2C Hawkeyes, and SH-60 Seahawks) are used to conduct strikes, support land battles, protect the Battle Group or other friendly shipping, and implement a sea or air blockade. The ship normally operates as the centerpiece of a Carrier Battle Group commanded by a flag officer embarked in USS John C. Stennis and consisting of four to six other ships.

USS John C. Stennis' two nuclear reactors give her virtually unlimited range and endurance and a top speed in excess of 30 knots. The ship's four catapults and four arresting gear engines enable her to launch and recover aircraft rapidly and simultaneously. The ship carries approximately three million gallons of fuel for her aircraft and escorts, and enough weapons and stores for extended operations without replenishment. USS John C. Stennis also has extensive repair capabilities, including a fully equipped Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, a micro-miniature electronics repair shop, and numerous ship repair shops.

For defense, in addition to her Air Wing and accompanying vessels, USS John C. Stennis has NATO Sea Sparrow short-range, surface-to-air missile systems, the Phalanx Close-in Weapons System (an extremely rapid firing 20mm gun) for cruise missile defense, and the SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare System. (*excerpts taken from <http://www.cvn74.navy.mil>*)

**Where: NAS North Island**

**When: Saturday, 9 October  
1999**

**Schedule: Registration: 2:30-3:00**

**Tour 3:00-4:30**

**Directions: Go Over Coronado Bridge, stay on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and follow signs to NI Main Gate. Proceed on McCain Blvd to the flag circle and bear right onto Quentin Roosevelt Blvd. Make left turn on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and park in large parking lot on the right hand side. Look for AIAA Event sign.**

This event is free to AIAA members and their guests; however, reservations are required since space is limited to 80 people on a first come first served basis. Please mail the attached reservation form to the address below no later than Monday October 4th 1999. You may also contact Mr. Jim Leland at (619) 545-2710 or email your reservation to [LelandJM@navair.navy.mil](mailto:LelandJM@navair.navy.mil). Please Retain a copy of this flyer to serve as your gate pass.

*Please note that this is a walking tour, and requires ability to climb and descend steep stairwells. We suggest you wear comfortable, flat soled shoes and long pants.*