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*Nimitz-class carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) transits Puget Sound towards its new homeport at Naval Base Kitsap, Washington, on 13 August following a three-month underway. After nine years as the Navy's only forward-deployed flagship aircraft carrier, Ronald Reagan shifted into the 3rd Fleet area of operations to undergo a routine maintenance period in Bremerton. (USN/Heather Wamsley)*

*Nimitz-class carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with the Henry J. Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS Rappahannock (T-AO-204) in the South China Sea on 14 August as part of the American build-up in the area. Abraham Lincoln, flagship of the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is currently underway and operating with the 7th Fleet, the US Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet. (USN/Joseph Sitter)*



*Sailor aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Frank E. Petersen Jr. (DDG-121) fires her 25mm machine gun system on the port side deck while underway in the Indian Ocean on 18 August. Frank E. Petersen Jr. is assigned to the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group as integrated air and missile defense warfare commander. (USN/Victoria Armstrong)*

*Afterburners full on, an F/A-18E Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 113 (VFA-113, "Stingers") prepares to launch from the USS Carl Vinson on a night mission while underway in the Pacific on 12 August. (USN/Isalah Goessl)*

