3 Carrier Groups

*plus:*

**USS New York**

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Those of you who were in the service or like boats, ships and planes will appreciate this. 3 carriers and the new fighter jet. The specs are awesome. Talk about whip lash.
The plane in these pictures is still officially the 'Air Vehicle Number 1', a prototype, on board the USS George Washington CVN-73 for catapult fit checks. Not exactly still Top Secret but certainly not yet made public.

It will be known as the F/A-37. Although specs are classified, it is believed to be Mach 3.5 (top speed in the Mach 4 range) super-cruise stealth fighter/bomber/interceptor with approximately a 4,000nm range. Awesome!
Check out the Navy test pilot in the cockpit of the F/A-37...

LT Kara Wade.
For the first time in over 20 some odd years, three carrier strike groups got together in formation for a great photo op.

From top to bottom are the aircraft carriers, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, KITTY HAWK and RONALD REAGAN.
We even had Air Force planes fly-over, with a B-2 Stealth Bomber. The only warships not seen in the photos are the 4 nuclear powered submarines standing guard.
AND NOW:

GREAT NEW PHOTOS!
Here SHE is!
Notice the twin towers on top.
SHE IS;

the USS New York,

made from the

World Trade Center!
USS New York...

It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.
Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept 9, 2003, 'those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence,' recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there.
'It was a spiritual moment for everybody there.'

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the 'hair on my neck stood up.' 'It had a big meaning to it for all of us,' he said. 'They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back.'

The ship's motto?

'Never Forget'
Please keep this going so everyone can see what we are made of in this country.