

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2025

Statement on the Naming of the Future United States Navy Aircraft Carriers USS William J. Clinton and USS George W. Bush

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I am proud to announce that the next two Gerald R. Ford–class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers will be named for two former Presidents: Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

When I personally delivered the news to Bill and George, they were deeply humbled. Each knows firsthand the weight of the responsibilities that come with being Commander in Chief. And both know well our duty to support the families and loved ones who wait and worry for the safe return of their servicemember.

The future USS *William J. Clinton* (CVN 82) and the future USS *George W. Bush* (CVN 83) will begin construction in the years ahead. When complete, they will join the most capable, flexible, and professional Navy that has ever put to sea. They will be crewed by sailors who hail from every corner of the United States, and who will sail these ships into harm's way, defending our interests overseas and our safety here at home.

Those sailors will demonstrate not only the example of our power, but the power of our example. And our Nation remains grateful to them, their families, and all the talented shipyard workers who will bring these ships to life.

May God protect all who sail aboard USS *William J. Clinton*, USS *George W. Bush*, and every other ship in our fleet, and may God continue to bless our troops.

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