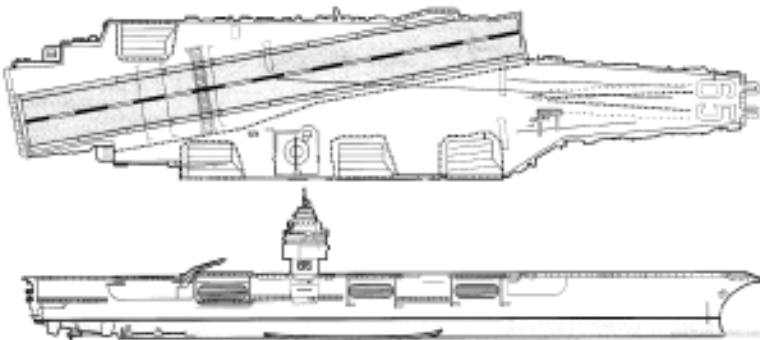


The Proud Lineage of *Enterprise*

USS *Enterprise* (CVN 80) will not be the first ship in the U.S. Navy to bear the name. It will carry the name of the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in history - USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65) - which in turn *was* named after USS *Enterprise* (CV 6). CV 6 was the Navy's sixth aircraft carrier and remains the most decorated warship in U.S. Naval history for its many contributions during World War II. Both CVN 65 and CV 6 were built by Newport News Shipbuilding. In total, CVN 80 will be the eighth Navy vessel to bear the name. The first dates back to 1775, when a British armed sloop was captured and renamed *Enterprise* during the Revolutionary War.

Of course, the name is also immortalized in science fiction. When the original *Star Trek* debuted in 1966, the show's creator Gene Roddenberry was inspired to name the starship USS *Enterprise* after the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier CVN 65, commissioned five years earlier in 1961. USS *Enterprise* (CVN 80) will continue that legacy of inspiring the imagination. The *Ford* Class was designed with expandable energy capacity for future warfare systems like high-energy lasers.



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