

Photo of CV-67 in Malta shows the size of this vessel



MC54 Shipmate Tom Ryan contributed the following with respect to CV-67.

Greetings all. This brings many fond memories past and simply to add a comment or two as to "size" one can relate to a household refrigerator/freezer of typical 10 cu ft. Well, an aircraft carrier has similar requirements for food storage but require some 50,000 cu ft. of refrigerator/freezer storage. I have constructed such storages on several carriers the last two being the USS Lincoln (CVN-72) and the USS Washington (CVN-73) built at Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock CO in the '80s.

These two are the 5th & 6th of the 10 Nimitz Class with the USS Bush (HW) CVN-78 being the 10th in class to be followed by a new class, the USS Ford.

A little known trivia as to carriers is a built in cofferdam barrier of protection from its waterline down vertically to its keel, & some 300 feet + in length both port & starboard side in way of engine rooms. No, I didn't build the cofferdams, made in some areas of 3 inch steel plate, but I did furnish and install some 1 million lbs. of special ballistic foam to "fill" the cofferdams. The intent is to absorb shock of a torpedo explosion, and if penetrated to act as a replacement of water and provide buoyancy. The foam @ 6 lbs per cubic ft. provides some 56 lbs of buoyancy per cubic ft. All carriers are like a city unto itself. Awesome.

Further, I am sure I speak for all of us not having shared in the class reunions,

how much we regret not having done so and appreciate still being kept up to date as to these very special events. To those that have deserve a "well done".

All the best and a very special wish for a Pleasant and Happy Thanksgiving, followed by a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Prosperous New Year.

To our fellow classmates that have passed, but not forgotten, we keep in our prayers.

Your humble *Classmate* Tom Ryan.