

U.S. carrier to join Korea drill

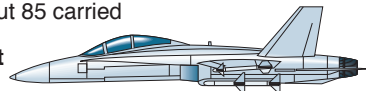
The USS George Washington and four other U.S. Navy ships will participate in military exercises west of the Korean peninsula as a demonstration of strength following North Korea's artillery attack on a South Korean border island

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

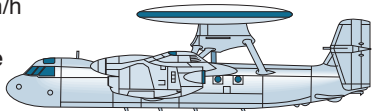
Commissioned	July 4, 1992
Overall length	332.85 metres
Displacement	99,000 tonnes (full load)
Speed	Over 30 knots (56km/h)
Crew	3,200 sailors + 2,480 air wing

AIRCRAFT: About 85 carried

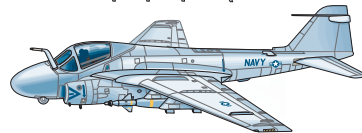
► **F/A-18 Hornet**
Fighter-bomber
Speed: 1,915km/h



► **E-2 Hawkeye**
Early warning
aircraft



► **EA-6 Prowler**
Electronic
warfare aircraft



► **SH-60/HH-60 Seahawk:** Multi-mission helicopter

Island: Ship's command centre, includes radar and communications antennas

Arresting wires: Stretched across deck, slow aircraft from 250km/h to zero within 120m

Steam catapults
Launch aircraft from deck

Elevators
Move aircraft from hangar to flight deck

Flight deck area
18,000 square metres, equal to four football fields

SHIP SIZES

RMS Titanic



USS George Washington



Maersk E-class*



Armament
Sea Sparrow missile launchers, Phalanx guns, Rolling Airframe Missile systems

*Container ships, longest vessels currently in use

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