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Cost of CVN 78 Sets Secord for Costliest Navy ship



An F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 approaches USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) for an arrested landing.

The US Navy's costliest vessel ever just got pricier, breaching a \$12.9 billion cap set by Congress by \$120 million, the service told lawmakers this week. The extra

money for the USS Gerald R. Ford CVN 78 built by Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc. is needed to replace faulty propulsion components damaged in a January failure, extend the vessel's post-delivery repair phase to 12 months from the original eight months and correct deficiencies with the "Advanced Weapons Elevators" used to move munitions from deep in the ship to the deck. Apparently the Ford's propulsion system and elevator flaws are separate from reliability issues on its troubled aircraft launch and recovery systems.

China's newest carrier on Sea Trials



BEIJING, May 13 (Reuters) - China's first domestically developed aircraft carrier left its northeastern port to begin sea trials on Sunday, state media said, the latest milestone in the country's efforts to modernize its military. The still-unnamed carrier was launched this time last year but since then has been undergoing fitting of weapons and other systems and has not yet entered service. The official Xinhua news agency confirmed the ship had left for trials with a short announcement. Other state news outlets showed undated photos of a fogshrouded carrier just off of its dock. During a recent statement by President Donald Trump, the US paid for this carrier due to our trade deficit with China.

Italian Navy frigate demonstrated to U S Navy



The Italian Navy's ITS Alpino F 594 receives an escort into Norfolk from the USS Gonzales DDG 66. Fincantieri Marine Group is showing it off for possible consideration for the USN future FFG-X program.