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Navy fires "TR" Commanding Officer



USS THEODORE ROOSEVENT enters Guam

The U.S. Navy on Thursday relieved the commander of the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt, who wrote a scathing letter that leaked to the public asking the Navy for stronger measures to control a coronavirus outbreak onboard the ship. The removal of Captain Brett Crozier from the command of the 5,000-person vessel, which was first reported by Reuters, was announced by acting U.S. Navy Secretary Thomas Modly, who said the commander exercised poor judgment. Modly said the letter was sent through the chain of command but Crozier did not safeguard it from being released outside the chain. "It raised alarm bells unnecessarily," Modly said. Over 100 personnel on the ship have tested positive for the coronavirus so far. In the four-page letter, Crozier described a bleak situation aboard the nuclear-powered carrier as more sailors tested positive for the highly contagious respiratory virus. He called for "decisive action": removing over 4,000 sailors from the ship and isolating them. He said that unless the Navy acted immediately, it would be failing to properly safeguard "our most trusted asset — our sailors."



Sailors on the USS Theodore Roosevelt CVN 71 cheered in support of their fired commander as he exited the coronavirus-infected aircraft carrier.

Video footage of Capt. Brett Crozier leaving the USS Theodore Roosevelt shows sailors aboard the aircraft carrier chanting "Captain Crozier," as well as cheering and applauding as the captain exited the ship. Crozier stands momentarily to survey the crowd before saluting them and

getting into an awaiting car. Crozier was relieved of his duties Thursday after writing a letter begging officials to send help to the aircraft carrier, the Theodore Roosevelt, where more than 100 sailors were infected with coronavirus.

USS DELAWARE SSN-791 "Administratively Commissioned"



The U.S. Navy today (4-4-20) commissioned USS Delaware (SSN 791), the 18th Virginia-class attack nuclear submarine. Although the public commissioning ceremony at the Port of Wilmington was canceled due to restrictions of large public gatherings (COVID-19 virus), the ship made the transition to normal operations. Meanwhile, the Navy is looking at a future opportunity to commemorate the event with the ship's sponsor, crew and commissioning committee.



This pictorial was requested several months ago and was recently approved. It should make for some interesting "coronavirus covers".

USS Vermont commissioned "administratively"

Similar to the USS DELAWARE, USS VERMONT SSN 792 was commissioned in a ceremony where the public was not in attendance due to the continuing threat from the COVID-19 Hunan/China virus (湖南省冠狀病毒). Both announcements mentioned that a public event will be scheduled in the future. No pictorial was submitted for the VERMONT.