

# USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN-79) COMMISSIONING

Norfolk, Virginia

2025



# BECOME A PART OF NAVAL HISTORY - SUPPORT THE COMMISSIONING of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN-79)



## Enhancing Ship Life

While taxpayers fund the construction of resilient warships, Navy League makes it a priority to enrich shipboard life by providing enhancements. These enhancements breathe personality and comfort into a warship, leaving a lasting impression with those that serve aboard. This means expanding the ship's library and chapel, providing top-notch exercise equipment for the crew, and upgrading the chief's and crew mess, coffee shop, ceremonial quarterdeck, and tribute room. These enhancements are fueled by private individual and corporate donations, ensuring no additional taxpayer funds are used.

## Establishing An Endowed Scholarship

Funded by the Navy League Commissioning Committee, this scholarship is available to all dependents of U.S. Navy personnel who currently or in the future serve aboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CVN-79). This scholarship will be administered by the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation.



## The Words of President John F. Kennedy

- "I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile. I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"
- "The changing of the future is equally revolutionary."
- "This is a hard job, but I think it develops in you those qualities which we like to see in our country, which we take pride in."
- "The torch has been passed, carry it forward."

## Join the Journey

Mark your calendars for the upcoming commissioning of the USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) in late 2025—a historic event. We invite individuals and businesses to become part of this naval milestone. As the second Ford Class Aircraft Carrier, the USS John F. Kennedy carries forward the legacy of excellence. Your participation will help make this event a resounding success. For more information, please visit:

[www.JFKCVN79commissioning.org](http://www.JFKCVN79commissioning.org)



# COMMISSIONING SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## Presidential Level - \$1,000,000

- Appropriate recognition to be developed in accordance with donors wishes.

## Vice Presidential Level - \$500,000

- 14 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 14 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Bronze Replica Statue of President John F. Kennedy
- Honorary Plank owner Plaque
- Full-page recognition in Commissioning Publication
- Permanent Recognition on Shipboard Commissioning Plaque
- Contribution made to USS John F. Kennedy CVN-79 Endowed Scholarship Fund

## Cabinet Level - \$250,000

- 12 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 12 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Honorary Plank owner Plaque
- Full-page recognition in Commissioning Publication
- Permanent Recognition on Shipboard Commissioning Plaque
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## Four-Star Admiral - \$100,000

- 10 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 10 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Honorary Plank owner Plaque
- Full-page recognition in Commissioning Publication
- Permanent Recognition on Shipboard Commissioning Plaque
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## Three-Star Admiral - \$75,000

- 8 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 8 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Honorary Plank owner Plaque
- Half-page recognition in Commissioning Publication
- Permanent Recognition on Shipboard Commissioning Plaque
- Contribution made to USS John F. Kennedy CVN-79 Endowed Scholarship Fun

## Two Star Admiral - \$50,000

- 6 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 6 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Honorary Plank owner Plaque
- Half-page recognition in Commissioning Publication
- Permanent Recognition on Shipboard Commissioning Plaque
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## One-Star Admiral-\$25,000

- 4 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 4 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Honorary Plank owner Plaque
- Quarter-page recognition in Commissioning Publication
- Permanent Recognition on Shipboard Commissioning Plaque
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## Serve With Courage Level -\$10,000

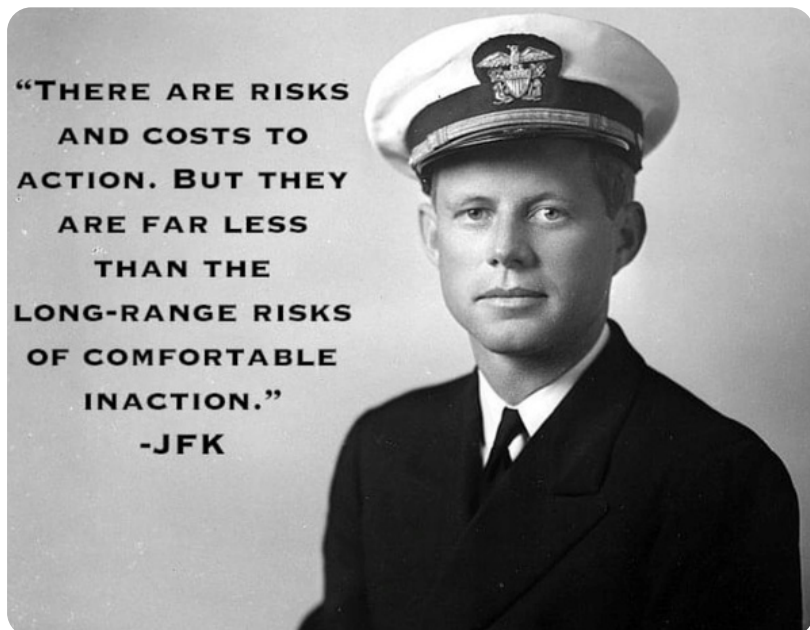
- 2 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 2 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Honorary Plank owner Plaque
- Quarter-page recognition in Commissioning Publication
- Permanent Recognition on Shipboard Commissioning Plaque
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## Visionary Statesman -\$5,000

- 2 Distinguished Gold preferred seating for the Commissioning Ceremony
- 2 Invitations to all Pre-Commissioning Events
- Recognition in commissioning book
- Everyman Legacy Campaign

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## Supporting the Sea Services

The Navy League has grown from its roots to become the foremost citizens' organization to serve, support and stand with all United States Sea Services- the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. Decade after decade, the Navy League has advocated for a strong maritime defense in order to safeguard national security and ensure freedom of the seas.

## Our Mission

For more than a century, the Navy League of the United States has supported and advocated for the Sea Services. Formed in 1902 at the behest of President Theodore Roosevelt, the Navy League:

- Highlights the importance of the sea services and the shipbuilding industry to our national defense.
- Advocates, educates and supports our service members, their families, and the military industry. For over a century, the Navy League has been a steadfast advocate for our sea services and the nation they protect.
- Maintains a public conversation on the influence of sea power, ensuring that the United States retains its position as the foremost maritime power.
- Fosters appreciation and recognition of those who wear the uniform of our armed forces.
- Educates and trains our youth in the customs and traditions of the sea services through the means of an active and vigorous Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

