

## **Virginia Gazette Press Release Congressman Rob Wittman (R)**

### **Wittman Urges Naming of Next U.S. Aircraft Carrier USS *Yorktown* to Mark America's 250th Anniversary**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) sent a letter to Secretary of War Pete Hegseth urging that the next United States Navy nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (CVN-84) be named the USS Yorktown in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of American independence.

“An aircraft carrier represents more than a warship — it is a forward-deployed symbol of American presence, deterrence, and global leadership. In 1781, the Continental Army’s decisive victory at the Battle of Yorktown secured our American independence. In 1942, USS Yorktown fought with extraordinary courage at the Battle of Midway, helping secure victory in the Pacific during World War II. The next USS Yorktown will help secure the next century of American maritime power.

A nuclear-powered carrier bearing the name Yorktown in the 250th year of American independence would represent 250 years of sovereignty, from the evolution from wooden ships and iron cannon to nuclear propulsion and fifth-generation airpower, and the continued strength of American sea power.

Naming the next aircraft carrier USS Yorktown would appropriately honor the nation’s founding victory, celebrate our naval heritage and strength, and project American resolve as the United States enters its next 250 years.”