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Thousands Of Sailors Deploying, Coming Home

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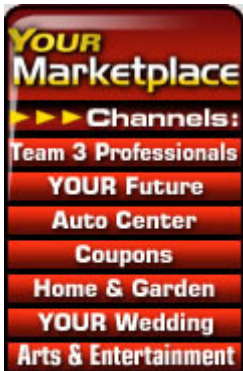
Tuesday, the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group heads out to support the War on Terrorism. About 7,500 sailors are on board the Enterprise, the guided-missile cruiser Leyte Gulf, the guided-missile destroyer McFaul, and the guided-missile frigate Nicholas.

Also heading out Tuesday, the guided-missile destroyer USS James E. Williams. Three hundred sailors will take that ship to the Persian Gulf for its maiden deployment. The James E. Williams will meet up with the Norfolk-based Trenton. Commanders in the Middle East requested "increased naval presence" there.

Hampton Roads will welcome home nearly 2,700 sailors of the Nassau Expeditionary Strike Group. They've been gone six months. The guided missile destroyer USS Winston Churchill is the first to return on Tuesday.

More ships are coming home after dropping off the Marines at Camp Lejeune from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. Those ships are the Nassau, Austin and Cape St. George. They're coming home Thursday.

USS Norfolk comes back Saturday. Sailors on the Cape St. George and the Winston Churchill actually had run in's with pirates during their deployments.



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