

❖ Key Dates Changed for George H.W. Bush Construction

Scott Stabler, vice president of the CVN 77 Program at Newport News, communicated key date changes for *George H.W. Bush* (CVN 77) construction to program leadership in a Dec. 17, 2004, memo.

The new plan moves the carrier's launch to October of 2006 and delivery to November of 2008. In his memo, Stabler said the new dates "determined the best path forward for delivery" and the "over-arching principle for our plan is achieving a quality launch."

In a recent interview with *Currents*, Stabler added: "The dates for the program were changed for a multitude of reasons, some of which were not fully defined in recent press reports. However, the most important



A view of the construction of *George H.W. Bush* (CVN 77) as of Dec. 8, 2004. The ship is scheduled to be launched in October of 2006. *Photo by Chris Oxley*

thing is we now have a defined, achievable path. It's our responsibility to execute the new plan, and I'm confident that when we deliver this ship to our customer, she will be the most technologically advanced and outstanding ship in the fleet."