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UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY

NORTHROP GRUMMAN NEWPORT NEWS TO TEST CATAPULTS ON THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER RONALD REAGAN

Media day for catapult testing on *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) has been changed to Thursday, September 19, 2002.

News media are invited to cover a significant milestone in the construction of the *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) on Thursday, September 19 -- the testing of the ship's catapult systems. Catapults are what launch aircraft off the flight deck of carriers.

This event is an opportunity for media to photograph/film the testing, which consists of launching large containers called deadloads off the flight deck of *Reagan* into the James River. Media will also have the opportunity to interview shipyard employees who installed the catapults as well as the Navy personnel who operate them.

Because Northrop Grumman Newport News is an industrial facility, media attending this event must dress accordingly. **Long pants and boots or sturdy shoes are required.**

The media schedule for September 19 is as follows:

- 12:30 p.m. News media meet at Building 520 (corner of 41st and Washington Avenue Visitor's Parking Area) for check-in and badging; Media bused inside the shipyard to the *Ronald Reagan*
- 1 - 2:30 p.m. Photo and interview opportunities on flight deck of *Reagan*
- 1:30 p.m. Photographers board tugboat to take pictures from the James River (Reporters may be allowed on tugboat if space permits)
- 2:45p.m. Media Depart

Arrangements for media credentials must be made no later than Wednesday, September 18, at 12 noon EDT. Please have the following information available when you call, fax or e-mail us:

- Names of media persons attending and their role (reporter or photographer)
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Social Security Number
- Name of news agency

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jennifer Dunn at 757-380-3558, by fax at 757-380-3867 or by e-mail at DUNN_JL@NNS.COM.