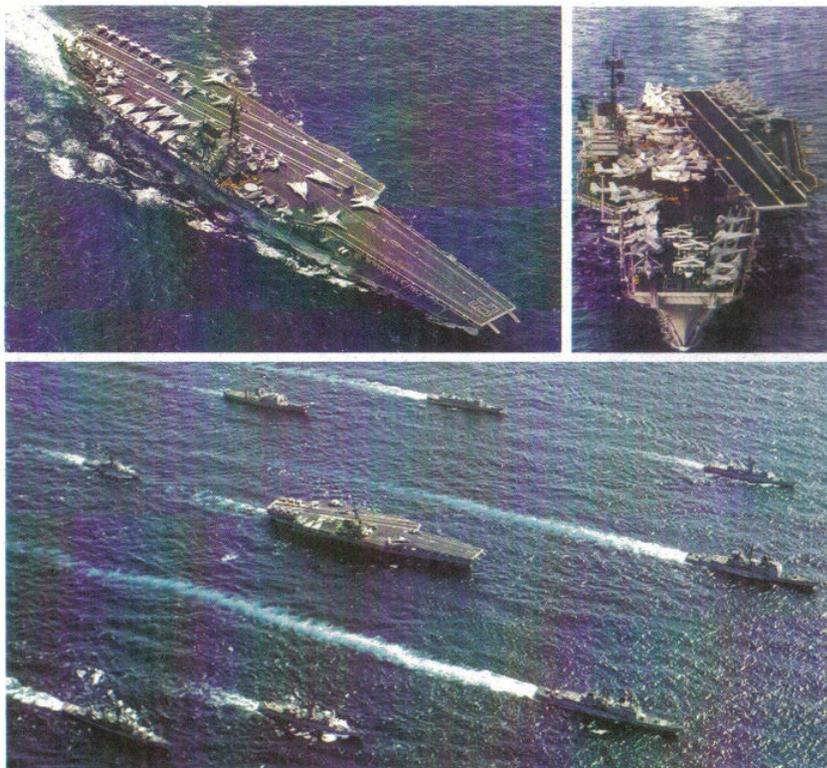


The USS FORRESTAL CVA/CV/AVT-59
The First Super Aircraft Carrier ever built.

The ship would be named FORRESTAL in honor of the late Secretary of the Navy and First Secretary of Defense, James Vincent Forrestal. Her Nick Name would be "First in Defense."

Her keel was laid on 14 July 1952 at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Newport News, Virginia. On 11 December 1954, Forrestal's widow, Josephine Ogden Forrestal, sponsored USS FORRESTAL's christening and launching. On 1 October 1955, USS FORRESTAL CVA-59 was commissioned and home ported in Norfolk, Virginia, with Captain Roy L. Johnson, USN as her commanding officer.



USS FORRESTAL CVA/CV/AVT-59
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A CELEBRATION OF HER HISTORY
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