

Quarterly News

Welcome Home!

A letter from Commander Mike Fisher who has granted permission to include it in this newsletter.

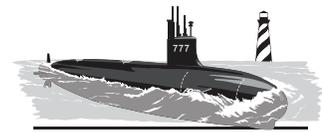
Chris,

First, thank you for all of the support from you, the 777 Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Hopefully, you received a short thank you note by now, but I can't begin to thank you enough for all of the support – it means a lot! This was the first deployment I have been on where the crew has not been able to get out and enjoy the sights and tastes of the world, the result of COVID-19. This also limited the number of port call opportunities.

However, like all submariners, we made the best of it. We pulled into Guam a couple of times for some rest and relaxation. While in Guam, we found a stretch of space on the pier and played cornhole. Several Sailors found some good swimming opportunities. We also found some Wi-Fi hot spots and connected with loved ones back home. This was particularly welcome for the three Sailors that became fathers over the course of deployment.

With limited external support available, the crew became masters of their profession and successfully fixed a number of pieces of equipment to keep NORTH CAROLINA on station, in the fight. Several of the officers and crew earned their dolphins as well – in fact, all but three of the Sailors that departed Pearl Harbor on 25 March came back with their dolphins (and each of these three are expected to earn them very soon)!

We returned to a picturesque Pearl Harbor on 24 September, having taken care of business at every point of the deployment including the final inspection on returning to port. We are already looking ahead at the next year and gearing up for the next deployment, only one year away!



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“Keep Pounding”



Your support throughout the deployment, particularly including half-way night and the gift bags on our return, was greatly appreciated by everyone.

Mahalo, and thank you!

Very respectfully,

Mike Fisher
Commanding Officer
USS NORTH CAROLINA



We're all happy that our 777 is home safely after a successful mission amidst unique circumstances. We're equally grateful for the support of the 777 FRG.

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Dear Captain Fisher:

Welcome home and congratulations on another successful deployment by the USS North Carolina.

The past six months have been an unprecedented time for the people of North Carolina as we cope with the COVID 19 pandemic. I am grateful for the example set by your command and crew in helping to preserve our nation's freedoms while separated from family and friends.

This pandemic has brought about many difficult challenges, but North Carolinians and people across the United States are strong and resilient. We will get through this by working together and looking out for each other.

Again, my sincere congratulations on a job well done and for making the State of North Carolina proud of our namesake ship.

With warm personal regards, I am

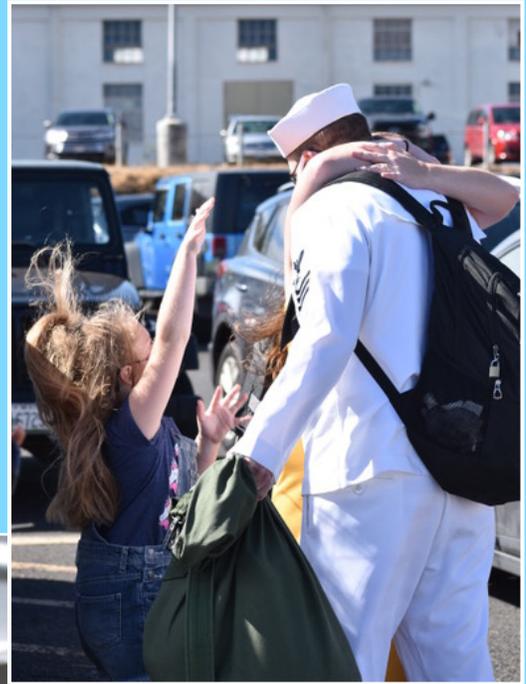
Very truly yours,

 Roy Cooper

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All the
best,
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