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After several delays, we are finally underway. The Strike Group departed with precision and professionalism and it was great to see all the families on the pier and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to say one final goodbye to their love ones.

It has been a busy week for Strike Group personnel as we flew the Air Wing aboard and began our transit across the Atlantic. The weather has been poor, with heavy winds and building seas but now it's clear. Several staff members are re-discovering their "sea legs," not to mention their appetites.

I am proud to announce that several of our staff members have been selected for promotions. Operations Specialist Elena Haas, Operations Specialist Anthony Bertorelli, and Information Systems Technician Daniel Porter will advance to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. We also added a new Petty Officer to our ranks; Culinary Specialist Michael Magee was advanced to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. Our Operations Officer, Commander Curt Seth will pin on Captain next week. I congratulate the members and their families on achieving these significant professional milestones. We also welcomed Yeoman Senior Chief Eric Townsend, Information Systems Technician Daniel Porter, and Fire Controlman Geoffrey Dailey to the CCSG 10 family.

We are looking forward to our first port visit in Marseilles, France. The ship's MWR has prepared a robust tour schedule with lots of activities for all. The ships will also host our French Allies and other partners during numerous social functions aboard the ships. Thank you all for your support on the home front and continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. We could not do this without you.

Sincerely,

*RDM1 Pat "Blood" Driscoll*

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