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MAV0- ARE You Ready?

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PACIFIC OCEAN – The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) is scheduled to begin the Material Assist Visit (MAV) 0, Dec. 11 - 13, in preparation for the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV).

The purpose of the visit is to conduct training for the ships' force on the improvement of the material condition of the ship. The visit will consist of multiple discussions and trainings in a variety of locations. These discussions will cover topics pertaining to engineering department, air department, damage control procedures and practices, habitability walk through, deck department, safety department, reactor department, combat systems department, supply department and medical department.

“Sometimes we don’t see the small errors in our material readiness, so the INSURV process makes an effort to take a look at those areas we might bypass every day,” said Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Mitchem, security officer of Abraham Lincoln and the INSURV coordinator. “It changes our gaze from our normal routine to look at specifics and make sure everything works on the ship.”

This visit is the first in a series from the Material Condition Assist Team (MCAT) over the course of five months, cumulating in the final INSURV inspection starting April 29.

“MAV0 is the starting point. When the MCAT team comes over they will specifically speak to myself, the command triad and fire up the functional area coordinators,” said Mitchem. “Then they will contact their trusted agent, the Chiefs Mess. The chiefs will act as the INSURV inspectors as we go through the MAV process and the MCAT team will walk them through each individual event so they understand what to expect once we reach the big inspection.”

Based on Abraham Lincoln’s past performance during INSURV in June 2021, the MCAT team has high expectations for the crew.

“The MCAT is here to ensure our success and the more buy-in we have, the more it will be reciprocated from their team. The ships that have embraced the process have performed the best,” said Mitchem. “Our past performance and current material condition has garnered expectations of earning the highest INSURV score since the establishment of the new grading system. We welcome the pressure!”

Abraham Lincolns’ material condition readiness is essential to maintaining the highest levels of combat readiness.

“MAV0 gives the crew an understanding of what is to come prior to our maintenance inspection. That being said, we aren’t preparing the ship for INSURV, we are preparing the ship for combat — it is one in the same,” said Mitchem. “INSURV comes and makes sure the ship itself is ready for combat. MAV0 is just the foundational starting point to let everyone know and put the pieces in place and say ‘hey, this is where we need to be to best suit ourselves for combat’.”

The MAV and INSURV process is an all-hands effort, which guarantees Abraham Lincoln and the crew the best outlook for a safe and successful deployment.