



Monday, November 17, 2014
12 Noon
International Ballroom
JW Marriott

Topic: “Creating a Culture of Excellence”

CAPTAIN JOHN F. MEIER
Commanding Officer
USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78)



Captain John F. Meier, Commanding Officer of PCU Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) and crew members are visiting Michigan to share the progress and pride of the USS Gerald R. Ford. Captain Meier will discuss building the crew to man the Navy’s newest and most technologically advanced aircraft carrier and setting the standard to last the 50-year life of the ship. Captain Meier will also discuss his plans to build a *Culture of Excellence* reflecting the integrity, leadership and character of the Ship’s namesake and honoring President Ford’s legacy.

The Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier is a class of supercarriers currently being built to replace some of the United States Navy existing *Nimitz*-class carriers. The new vessels will introduce technologies developed since the initial design of the previous class as well as other design features intended to improve efficiency and running costs, including reduced crew requirements.

A native of Export, Pennsylvania, Captain Meier graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering. He completed flight training in Beeville, TX and was “winged” as a Naval Aviator in 1988.

Captain Meier has accumulated over 4000 flight hours and 675 carrier landings. His decorations include the Legion of Merit (3 awards) and various other personal and unit level awards.

To register: <http://www.econclub.net>. Click “Register for Events Now” link to begin.

Members: \$30 each

Guests: \$37 each

Reservations requested by Thursday, November 13, 2014

(No cancellations after noon Thursday preceding the luncheon.)

Nametags will be at registration table pending your reservation and arrival.

Next meeting: Monday, December 8, 2014 – Charles Best, Founder, DonorsChoose.org, pioneering citizen philanthropy.