

# An Aircraft Carrier

Nobody asked but ...

On July 22, POTUS dedicated an aircraft carrier, *USS Gerald Ford*, the final cost of which will exceed the entire military budget of Iran. Yet we are in no legitimate wars at present. We are in no legitimate wars where an aircraft carrier gives us any particular advantage over the passel of ground bases we maintain around the world. What is happening here? Have the merchants of death gathered at the water for one long, last draft at the trough? Is the water without limit? How long can we survive having our financial stability sucked away?

— Kilgore Forelle