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Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle A. Caldwell

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle A. Caldwell, son of Lethia L. and James Caldwell Jr. of Ridgeway, and whose wife, Laticia, is the daughter of Loretta M. Harpter of Jenkinsville, recently participated in the commissioning ceremonies on the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the USS Harry S, Truman.

Caldwell was one of 25,000 people who attended the commissioning at Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. President Bill Clinton was the principal speaker the first president to

in 23 years.

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Caldwell's ship is 1,096 feet long, rises 20 stories above the waterline and is powered by two nuclear reactors weighing 50 tons each. Caldwell will be one of 5,000 sailors assigned to the Navy's newest warship, which will also carry more than 80 aircraft. Caldwell's ship is scheduled to make its maiden deployment in 2000.

The 1990 graduate of Fairfield Central High School of Winnsboro joined the Navy in October 1990.