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USS Benfold Arrives in Guam for Malabar 2018

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SANTA RITA, Guam (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold (DDG 65) arrived in Santa Rita, Guam, for a regularly scheduled port visit, June 5.

"It's always a pleasure to pull into Guam," said Cmdr. Leroy Mitchell, Benfold's commanding officer. "This is a chance for our Sailors to have the opportunity to experience the hospitality and culture in Guam and get some well-deserved rest and relaxation."



While in Guam, Sailors will be able to volunteer for community service projects.

Benfold will also participate in exercise Malabar 2018. This is the first time the exercise will be conducted off the coast of Guam and will include both ashore and at-sea training. Malabar 2018, which will include naval ships, aircraft and personnel from India, Japan and the

United States, is the latest in a continuing series of exercises that has grown in scope and complexity over the years to address the variety of shared threats to maritime security.

Benfold is currently forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Picture from Malabar 2017 in the Philippine Sea.

Webmaster's Note:

USS *Benfold* (DDG-65) is an *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer in the United States Navy. The destroyer's namesake is Hospital Corpsman Third Class Edward Clyde Benfold, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic action on 5 September 1952 while assigned to the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War.