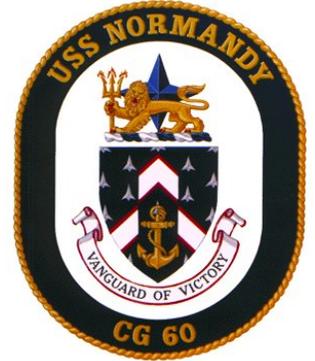




Another example of a mission ready ship because of a U.S. Navy Port Engineer

USS Normandy Kicks Off COMPTUEX 2019



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ATLANTIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The Sailors aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser **USS Normandy (CG 60)** departed Naval Station Norfolk to have their metal tested before their scheduled deployment July 5. The exercise will be jam packed with various simulated combat situations, such as aircraft, submarine and missile attacks, ship casualties and engineering and communication drills all in an effort to assess the readiness of Normandy and its crew.

For Sailors, this training is challenging. These are the seemingly never-ending days and nights people hear about in the Navy. Despite losing some sleep, and working overtime, these exercises prepare all Sailors aboard Normandy to be ready for any scenario that presents itself. COMPTUEX is an intensive, month-long exercise designed to fully integrate units, while testing the strike group's ability as a whole to carry out sustained combat operations from the sea.

Ships, squadrons and staffs will be tested across every core warfare area with their mission sets through a variety of simulated and live events, including air warfare, strait transits, and responses to surface and subsurface contacts and electronic attacks.



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Webmaster's Note: **USS Normandy (CG-60)** is a *Ticonderoga*-class guided-missile cruiser in the service of the United States Navy. She is named for the World War II Battle of Normandy, France, which took place on and following D-Day.

In an historic first, *Normandy* embarked nine World War II veterans on 18 May 1994, for commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Allied landings on the coast of France.