



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

USS Michael Murphy Provides Aid to Stranded Mariners

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PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer **USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112)** rescued distressed mariners at sea, July 24.

While conducting routine operations in the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations, Michael Murphy spotted a small vessel with individuals aboard waving flags in distress. Five Peruvian mariners were aboard the fishing boat, which had suffered engine failure off the coast of Peru before drifting for more than eight days. The vessel was located 80 nautical miles off the Ecuadorian coast.

The fishermen were provided food, water and repairs to their engine, having run short on food five days prior, and were on their third day without fresh water. Assisting mariners in distress is the responsibility of all vessels at sea, even warships.

Michael Murphy is currently deployed to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations, following its participation in UNITAS LX and Teamwork South 2019 in Valparaiso, Chile.



Webmaster's Note:

On 18 June 2010, Mrs. Maureen Murphy and Edwin Bard inscribed the signatures of Murphy's family on an iron plate during a dedication ceremony for *Michael Murphy*. The plate was affixed to the ship's hull during construction. Lt. Murphy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during Operation Red Wings in Afghanistan in June 2005. Lt. Michael Murphy was the first sailor awarded the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War.

