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## USS New York Conducts Live-Fire Missile Training



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ATLANTIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The amphibious transport dock ship **USS New York (LPD 21)** completed a live-fire exercise in which the ship fired missiles at a drone using the ship's self-defense Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) system Saturday, Aug. 3. The live-fire exercise is in preparation for the New York's upcoming deployment with the USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group. The USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), also part of the amphibious ready group, conducted a live-fire exercise on Saturday.



This exercise is the last event for the Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) exercise where the New York has been tested in many avenues of war fighting.

Warships assigned to the USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, including USS New York, are participating in the SWATT, in the Atlantic Ocean, to maintain readiness, proficiency, and lethality.

For more news from USS New York (LPD 21), visit [www.navy.mil/local/LPD21/](http://www.navy.mil/local/LPD21/).

**Webmaster's Note:** **USS New York (LPD-21)**, the fifth *San Antonio*-class amphibious transport dock, is the fifth ship of the United States Navy to be named after the state of New York. A symbolic amount of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center after it was destroyed in the September 11 attacks was used in her construction.

Shortly after 11 September 2001, **Governor of New York George E. Pataki** wrote a letter to Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England requesting that the Navy bestow the name "New York" on a surface warship involved in the War on Terrorism in honor of the victims of the September 11 attacks. In his letter, the Governor said he understood state names were reserved for submarines but asked for



special consideration so the name could be given to a surface ship. The request was approved 28 August 2002.

The ship commissioning of USS *New York* took place on 7 November 2009, in New York City.

