



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

USS Harpers Ferry Completes MDVR in Duqm, Oman

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DUQM, Oman (NNS) -- The amphibious dock landing ship **USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49)** completed its mid-deployment voyage repair (MDVR) while pierside in Duqm, Oman, Aug. 12. The seven-day port visit allowed the crew and contractors to perform vital repairs and maintenance to ventilation, plumbing, and the ship's aft close-in weapons system (CIWS).

Duqm's location near the Strait of Hormuz, a key naval chokepoint, makes it a strategic waypoint for forces deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations. Services in Duqm have expanded in recent years, offering the U.S. Navy a wide range of logistic and repair capabilities for port visits.



USS Harpers Ferry is part of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the Western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.

For more news from USS Boxer (LHD 4), visit www.navy.mil/local/lhd4/.

Webmaster's Note: **USS *Harpers Ferry* (LSD-49)** is the lead ship of her class of landing ship dock of the United States Navy. This warship was named for the town of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, which, because of the U.S. arsenal there, was an important location during the Civil War.

In October 2009, *Harpers Ferry* participated in humanitarian rescue operations in the Pangasinan province, of the Philippines, following the impact of a typhoon that caused serious flooding.

In early April 2010, the ship participated in the recovery efforts of the sunken Republic of Korea Navy ship ROKS *Cheonan*.

This ship was one of several participating in disaster relief after the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan.