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USS Boxer ARG completes amphibious landing drill in Djibouti on the Horn of Africa



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Boxer ARG is comprised of amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4), amphibious transport dock USS John P Murtha (LPD 26), and amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49).

Amphibious assault vehicles (AAVs) from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) descended on Djibouti's Arta Beach after departing the well deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) during an exercise to seize a fictional enemy objective.

Maj. Victor Garcia, India Co., Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 3/5 company commander, explained that amphibious assaults are one of the MEU's primary missions; a capability that makes the MEU one of the most lethal and responsive crisis response forces in the US defense department arsenal.



Amphibious assault vehicles are one of the oldest and most reliable platforms in the Marine Corps. AAVs, or "tracks," are essentially floating tanks that can seize or secure a beach head and enable more forces to flow ashore in the event of combat operations.

The group is deployed to the US 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.

Webmaster's Note: **USS *Boxer* (LHD-4)** is a *Wasp*-class amphibious assault ship of the United States Navy. She is the sixth U.S. ship to bear the name of the original HMS *Boxer*, which was captured from the British during the War of 1812.

Boxer was constructed at Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, Mississippi, launched 13 August 1993, and commissioned 11 February 1995.