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USS Carter Hall, UNITAS LX Kicks off in Rio de Janeiro



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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (NNS) -- Over 3,100 Naval Forces from 13 countries kicked off UNITAS LX (60), the 60th anniversary of the annual multinational exercise, in Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 19. Comprised of both Atlantic and Amphibious phases, UNITAS participants include Naval Forces from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal and the United States.

This year's exercise is hosted by the Brazilian Navy and will conduct operations off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, focusing on demonstrating regional maritime cooperation in a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) response scenario, as a means to develop a multinational maritime task force.



USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) embarked with approximately 350 Sailors and Marines arrived Aug. 18 to support UNITAS. UNITAS is designed to train Navy and Marine Corps to conduct joint operations and increase interoperability among partner nations. 14 surface vessels, eight helicopters, five fixed wing aircraft and one submarine are participating.

UNITAS, which is Latin for “unity” was conceived in 1959, first executed in 1960, and has been held every year since. UNITAS develops and sustains relationships that improve the capacity of our partners maritime forces to achieve common goals. This annual exercise fosters friendly, mutual cooperation and understanding between participating navies and Marine Corps.

Webmaster’s Note:



RIO DE JANEIRO (Aug. 19, 2019) Comandante de Operacoes Navais do Brasil (Brazilian Chief of Naval Operations) Adm. Leonardo Puntel speaks with U.S. Navy Adm. Craig Faller, commander of U.S. Southern Command, during the opening ceremony of UNITAS LX on Naval Base Rio de Janeiro at Ilha Mocangue Grande, Brazil.