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USS Mount Whitney Visits Palermo, Italy



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PALERMO, Italy (NNS) -- The U.S. 6th Fleet (C6F) command and control ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) made a scheduled port visit in Palermo, Italy, Aug. 19 during a designated staff embarkation. During the visit, Sailors will get a chance to go on Morale, Welfare, and Recreation tours and enjoy liberty in Palermo.



The C6F commander, Vice Adm. Lisa Franchetti, and deputy commander, Rear Adm. William Houston, will join the crew of Mount Whitney and embarked staff members for the port visit, and Houston will embark the ship for the remainder of the underway period.

Mount Whitney, forward deployed to Gaeta, Italy, operates with a combined crew of U.S. Sailors and Military Sealift Command civil service mariners in the C6F area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa.

U.S. 6th Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied, and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa.

Webmaster's Note: **USS *Mount Whitney* (LCC/JCC 20)** is the most sophisticated Command, Control, Communications, Computer, and Intelligence (C4I) ship ever commissioned. She incorporates various elements of the most advanced C4I equipment and gives the embarked Joint Task Force Commander the capability to effectively command all units under their command. *Mount Whitney* can transmit and receive large amounts of secure data to and from any point on earth.

The ship is named for Mount Whitney, a peak in the Sierra Nevada mountain range of California. Mount Whitney is the highest summit in the contiguous United States, with an elevation of 14,505 feet (4,421 m).