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## USS Gridley Joins NATO Allies in Visit to Halifax Before Joint Exercise



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HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (NNS) -- U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer **USS Gridley (DDG 101)** joined allies from Standing NATO Maritime Group One (SNMG1) in a scheduled port visit to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sept. 5-6, before exercise Cutlass Fury 2019, hosted by the Royal Canadian Navy.

SNMG1 also includes Royal Norwegian Navy frigate HNoMS Thor Heyerdahl (F-314), Belgian Navy frigate Leopold I (F930), Portuguese Navy frigate NRP D. Francisco de Almeida (F334) and Royal Netherlands Navy frigate HNLMS Van Speijk (F 828). To avoid potential rough weather in Halifax Harbor resulting from Hurricane Dorian, most ships participating in Cutlass Fury 2019 departed port two days earlier than planned. Going to sea and maneuvering to avoid bad weather generally reduces the risk of damage to ships and equipment.



SNMG1 is one of four standing maritime task groups composed of ships from various Allied countries. These task groups form the core maritime capabilities of NATO's Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF). They provide a continuous maritime capability to execute NATO

missions across the spectrum of operations, demonstrate solidarity, and strengthen diplomatic and professional links among Allied naval forces.

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**Webmaster's Note:** The fourth **USS Gridley (DDG-101)** is the 51st *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer in the United States Navy. *Gridley* is named after Captain Charles Gridley, Commander of Admiral George Dewey's flagship *Olympia*, (Flag Captain) and recipient of Admiral Dewey's famous command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley" in the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish–American War.

**Charles Vernon Gridley**

