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USS McCampbell Kicks Off Malabar Exercise in Japan



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SASEBO, Japan (Sep. 26, 2019)- (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer **USS McCampbell (DDG 85)**, assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, led the commencement of Exercise Malabar 2019 Sep. 25, in port Sasebo, Japan.

An annual, multinational, naval field training exercise, Malabar is designed to improve the collective maritime relationship between the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), and U.S. Navy.



The three navies will participate in both an ashore and at-sea phase, hosted by the JMSDF, which will both enhance the compatibility of the maritime forces in support of maritime security in the global commons. This is the first year the JMSDF has hosted Malabar since Japan's initial participation in 2015.

The multinational aspect of the exercise allows for practical training while honing skills, exchanging cultures, and increasing interoperability between nations. McCampbell is conducting routine operations in the Indo-Pacific region while assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest forward deployed DESRON and the U.S. Seventh Fleet's principal surface force.

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Webmaster's Note: Captain David McCampbell (1910 – 1996) was a United States Navy captain, naval aviator, and a Medal of Honor recipient. He retired from the navy in 1964 with 31 years of service.



David McCampbell is the United States Navy's all-time leading flying ace and top F6F Hellcat ace with 34 aerial victories. He was the third-highest American scoring ace of World War II and the highest-scoring American ace to survive the war. He also set a United States single mission aerial combat record of shooting down nine enemy planes in one mission, on October 24, 1944, at the beginning of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, in the Philippines.

Captain McCampbell was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon from 1960 to September 1962. His final assignment was as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations to the Commander in Chief, Continental Air Defense Command, where he served from September 1962 until his retirement from the navy on July 1, 1964.

