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# USS Oak Hill Visits BATARG Ships During COMPTUEX



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VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Rear Adm. John Mustin, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 2, visited the amphibious assault ship **USS Oak Hill (LSD 51)** at sea conducting Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

COMPTUEX is an intensive, month-long exercise designed to fully integrate a carrier strike group or ARG-MEU as a cohesive, multi-mission fighting force. It thoroughly tests the abilities of the Sailors and Marines assigned to the ARG and MEU to carry out sustained combat operations from the sea, and was the first amphibious COMPTUEX that U.S. 2nd Fleet overseen since the command was re-established in 2018.

Expeditionary Strike Group 2 provides an East Coast amphibious ready force that is manned, trained and equipped to fulfill amphibious requirements and to provide military commanders with a wide range of flexible capabilities including maritime security operations, expeditionary power projection, forward naval presence and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

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**Webmaster's Note:** **USS Oak Hill (LSD-51)** is a *Harpers Ferry*-class dock landing ship of the United States Navy. She is named in honor of Oak Hill, the residence of James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States.

The Monroe Doctrine was penned at Oak Hill, near Leesburg, Virginia, and subsequently delivered at an 1823 Congressional address which asserted that the Western Hemisphere was never to be colonized again. This doctrine is the inspiration for the Ship's Motto: *Nations' Protector*. *Oak Hill* is the second ship to honor the residence.

