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# USS Milwaukee Launches Longbow Hellfire missile, part of SSMM Testing



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ATLANTIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The Freedom variant littoral combat ship USS Milwaukee (LCS 5) conducted a live-fire missile exercise off the coast of Virginia May 11. The Milwaukee fired four longbow hellfire missiles that successfully struck fast inshore attack craft targets.



The navy said the ship's crew executed a scenario simulating a complex warfighting environment, utilized radar and other systems to track small surface targets, simulated engagements and then fired missiles against the surface targets.

"The crew of the USS Milwaukee executed superbly and the test team ran the event seamlessly, both were critical in making this event successful," said Capt. Ted Zobel, LCS Mission Modules program manager.

This marks the completion of the first phase of the Surface-to-Surface Missile Module (SSMM) developmental testing for the LCS mission modules program.

This was the first integrated firing of the SSMM from an LCS. Additionally, this was the second at-sea launch of SSMM missiles from an LCS.

SSMM leverages the U.S. Army's Longbow Hellfire missile in a vertical launch capability to counter small boat threats. Initial operational capability and fielding of the SSMM is expected in 2019.

"The east coast littoral combat team continues to grow and mature with two Freedom variant LCS arriving annually in Mayport. We look forward to conducting the next phase of SSMM testing onboard USS Detroit (LCS 7)," said Littoral Combat Ship Squadron Two Capt. Shawn Johnston.

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