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USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) Conducts Missile Exercise



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ATLANTIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) launched a standard missile (SM-2) in the Virginia Capes operating area, May 28, 2018.



The missile exercise demonstrated The Sullivans' ability to defend against a close-in aerial attack. A BQM-74E air-launched drone served as the target. The ship successfully demonstrated its ability to employ a layered defense construct to engage a target with both the Mk 45 MOD2 (5"/54) caliber gun weapons system and the Aegis Weapons System.

"Our crew has trained and prepared for over a year to be ready to deploy with the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group," said Cmdr Russ Moore, the commanding officer. "We are a team. The success of this missile exercise is a testament to the abilities and preparedness of our combat systems, and our outstanding crew as we deploy to support maritime security overseas."

USS The Sullivans deployed May 26 as part of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HSTCSG). HSTCSG is forward-deployed in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations in support of NATO allies, European, and African partner nations, coalition partners, and U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa.

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Webmaster's Note:

USS *The Sullivans* (DDG-68), an *Arleigh Burke*-class Aegis guided missile destroyer, is the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for the five Sullivan brothers – George, Francis, Joseph, Madison, and Albert Sullivan, aged 20 to 27 – who lost their lives when their ship, USS *Juneau*, was sunk by a Japanese submarine in November 1942 in the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal (the first ship named for them was USS *The Sullivans* (DD-537)). This was the greatest military loss by any one American family during World War II.