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Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2018 Concludes



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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (NNS) -- The world's largest international maritime exercise concluded Aug. 2 following more than a month of training events conducted in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.

Twenty-five nations, 46 surface ships, five submarines, 17 land forces, and more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel participated in [Rim of the Pacific exercise 2018](#). This year's RIMPAC iteration marked the 26th in the series that began in 1971 and is now held every two years.



Hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2018 was led by U.S. [Vice Adm. John D. Alexander](#), commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet, who served as the combined task force (CTF) commander. Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. Bob Auchterlonie served as deputy commander of the CTF, and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Rear Adm. Hideyuki Oban was the vice commander. Fleet Marine Force was led by U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Mark Hashimoto. Other key leaders of the multinational force included Commodore Pablo Niemann of Armada de Chile, who commanded the maritime component, and Air Commodore Craig Heap of the Royal Australian Air Force, who commanded the air component.

This year's exercise included forces from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Republic of Korea, Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam.

This robust constellation of allies and partners support sustained and favorable regional balances of power that safeguard security, prosperity, and the free and open international order. RIMPAC 2018 contributes to the increased lethality; resiliency and agility needed by the joint and combined force to deter and defeat aggression by major powers across all domains and levels of conflict.

For more news from Rim of the Pacific, visit www.navy.mil/local/rimpac/.

Webmaster's Note:

<https://youtu.be/8bjwdq0RY6k>

Great RIMPAC 2018 US Navy official video.

Worth watching a live torpedo hit on and old LST.