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Kearsarge ARG Underway for Pre-deployment Exercise



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NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- The units of Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) departed their respective homeports for an ARG, Marine Expeditionary Unit exercise (ARGMEUEX), Aug. 21 - 22. ARGMEUEX enhances joint integration, lethality and collective capabilities of the Navy-Marine Corps team through joint planning and execution of challenging and realistic training scenarios.



"The Sailors and Marines on this team have been working hard to get to this point. We're excited to test ourselves as a unit in the upcoming exercises," said Navy Capt. Daniel Blackburn, commodore, PHIBRON 6. "I am confident in this ARG's capabilities and anticipate a successful at sea period."

The Kearsarge ARG consists of Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 6, the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship [USS Kearsarge \(LHD 3\)](#), the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship [USS Arlington \(LPD 24\)](#), the Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship [USS Fort McHenry \(LSD 43\)](#), and Marines from the 22nd MEU. The group is preparing for an upcoming deployment.

For more news from USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/lhd3/>

Webmaster's Note:

USS *Kearsarge* (LHD-3) is the third *Wasp*-class amphibious assault ship of the United States Navy named in honor of USS *Kearsarge*, a sloop-of-war that gained fame hunting Confederate raiders during the American Civil War. The sloop was named for Mount Kearsarge in New Hampshire. She is the fifth ship to be so named as such.