



Another example of a mission ready ship because of a U.S. Navy Port Engineer

Port Engineer Ezra Cosby of San Diego floats his ship from dry-dock on 25 September 2018.



US Navy Port Engineer Ezra Cosby and his SWRMC maintenance project team.

USS Howard (DDG 83) Getting ready to float in dry-dock 25 Sept 2018

Webmaster's Note:

USS *Howard* (DDG-83) is an *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer in the United States Navy.

The ship is named in honor of 1st Sgt. Jimmie E. Howard, USMC (1929–1993), recipient of the Medal of Honor for his leadership of a platoon against repeated attacks by a battalion-sized Viet Cong force. After receiving severe wounds from an enemy grenade, he distributed ammunition to his men and directed air strikes on the enemy. By dawn, his beleaguered platoon still held their position.

Howard had also received the Silver Star Medal for his service in the Korean War.

Every time *Howard* sets to sea from her homeport of San Diego, she passes within view of Gunnery Sgt. Howard's grave at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery and salutes her namesake.

