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# USS Shoup (DDG 86) Visits Fiji to Promote Maritime Security



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SUVA, Fiji (NNS) -- The guided-missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86) arrived in Suva, Fiji, as part of the ship's Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) deployment, Oct. 3.



While in Suva, the crew will host distinguished visitors, conduct professional exchanges with Fijian sailors and participate in community events during their port visit. Shoup's visit to Fiji marks the first stop in the ship's OMSI deployment, which is a secretary of defense program aimed at diminishing transnational illegal activity on the high seas in the Pacific Island nations of Oceania's exclusive economic zones (EEZ) and enhancing regional security and interoperability with partner nations.

"Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing undermines efforts to conserve and manage global fish stocks," said Lt. Cmdr. Adam Disque of the Coast Guard 14th District response enforcement detachment, embarked aboard Shoup. "The goal of combined efforts by the Navy and Coast Guard through the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative mission is to deter these harmful practices. In partnership with Australia, New Zealand, France and the Pacific Island Nations, OMSI further promotes extended maritime governance as well as economic and environmental stability throughout Oceania."

Through bilateral agreements, the U.S. Coast Guard assists 10 Pacific Island nations in patrolling the waters around their EEZs. Each of the nations have territorial waters stretching out 12 miles from shore. Beyond that, stretching out 200 nautical miles are EEZs, an area defined by national law that allows each nation exclusive rights to the exploration and use of maritime resources.

## Webmaster's Note:

**USS Shoup (DDG-86)** is an *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer in the United States Navy. The ship is named for Medal of Honor recipient General David M. Shoup, the 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps

The invasion of Tarawa commenced on 20 November 1943, with Shoup disembarking from *Maryland*, the flagship for the invasion. His force met heavy resistance on the beaches. His LVT was destroyed by shore fire, and he had to proceed without transportation. As he was wading ashore at around 11:00, he was struck by shrapnel in the legs and received a grazing wound from a bullet in the neck. In spite of these wounds, he rallied the Marines and led them ashore. He was able to coordinate the troops on the beaches and organize them as they began to push inland against an anticipated Japanese counterattack. He continuously organized aggressive attacks on the defenders, and was noted for his bravery and vigor during the conflict.

