



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

Naval Beach Unit 7 support following Typhoon Yutu



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PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) – Sailors from Naval Beach Unit (NBU) 7 will be using Landing Craft, Utilities (LCU) to deliver Sailors and Marines along with trucks and supplies to support local relief efforts. They will assist in the clearing of debris and protecting property for the people of CMNI.

Amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland (LSD 48) with embarked Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB) 31 arrived in vicinity of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to provide Department of Defense support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and civil and local officials as part of the FEMA-supported Typhoon Yutu recovery effort Nov. 3.

Ashland, part of the Wasp Amphibious Ready Group, is forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan. CLB 31, part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, is forward deployed to Okinawa, Japan.

For more news from Commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. 7th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/ctf76/.



LCU 1627 homeported in Sasebo Japan

Webmaster's Note: Assessment found Super Typhoon Yutu brought gusts up to 200 mph

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Typhoon Yutu began as a disturbance in the western Marshall Islands around Oct. 19 and headed toward the Mariana Islands over the next week at an average speed around 12 mph.

Yutu passed directly over the island of Tinian on the night of Oct. 24 through the early morning hours of Oct. 25.

The impacts to Tinian and the southern half of Saipan were catastrophic.

Yutu's satellite intensity estimate peaked at 178 mph as a Category 5 storm just prior to landfall over Tinian and the southern half of Saipan, the assessment states. That value seems to establish the upper limit of the maximum intensity while over the islands.

All official ground-based instrumentation failed on Tinian and Saipan as the winds in the storm surged well-above 100 mph, the release states.