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Crown Prince of Norway Visits Iwo Jima

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NORWEGIAN SEA (NNS) -- His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon, crown prince of Norway, visited Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) Nov. 7. During the visit, Haakon toured the ship, observing Sailors and Marines at work and how the ship is operated.

"I am very grateful to be able to come aboard and experience how things are done onboard," said Haakon. "I was very impressed with the personnel I met and their professionalism throughout the entire day. It is great seeing the United States and Norway come together and continue our alliance together as nations."

Haakon also remarked about how great it is seeing the United States and Norway coming together.



During his visit to Iwo Jima, Haakon dined with some of the Sailors. "Having lunch with the crown prince was the experience of a lifetime," said Electronics Technician 2nd Class Shawn Collins. "I never thought this would happen

while I was in the Navy, but it's something I'll never forget. It's easily one of the best moments of my career."

Iwo Jima is currently underway participating in Trident Juncture 2018, which is a NATO-led exercise designed to certify NATO response forces and develop interoperability among participating NATO Allied and partner nations.

For more news from USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), visit www.navy.mil/local/lhd7/.

Norway's Prime Minister Visits USS Iwo Jima

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OSLO, Norway (NNS) -- Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg attended a reception aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) during a recent port visit in Oslo, Norway Nov. 15 after the conclusion of Trident Juncture 18.

"Trident Juncture is about showing that the NATO alliance is capable of conducting preparations, working together and becoming stronger together," said PM Solberg. The ship arrived in Norway's capital to enhance U.S.-Norway relations as the two nations continue to strengthen regional security and stability.



OSLO, Norway (Nov. 15, 2018) Kenneth J. Braithwaite, U.S. ambassador of Norway, left, Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway, center, and Rear Adm. Brad Skillman, commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 2, cut a cake during a dinner reception in the hangar bay aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima

"I'm glad to hear all of the stories of how the allied forces were welcomed to the communities during the exercise and I think you'll see that what we really

value is the importance of your contribution to our security," Solberg said. "It seems to me that Norwegians felt proud to be hosting you during this historic exercise."

U.S. Ambassador to Norway was also in attendance and spoke on the importance of Trident Juncture 18.

"As we all know now, Trident Juncture was the largest NATO exercise to be held since the end of the Cold War, and we are grateful to the Norwegian government and to the people of Norway for their generous commitment of time, energy and

financial investment to ensure the success of this important NATO undertaking," Ambassador Kenneth J. Braithwaite said.

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Webmaster's Note:

USS *Iwo Jima* (LHD-7) is a *Wasp*-class amphibious assault ship of the United States Navy. The ship was named for the Battle of Iwo Jima of World War II.

