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USS John S. McCain Leaves Dry Dock, Continues Repairs in Yokosuka



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YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) -- USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) achieved a major milestone this week as it successfully launched from dry dock and moored pier-side at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Nov. 27.

This milestone is an important step in the ongoing effort to repair and restore one of the U.S. Navy's most capable platforms, and reflects nearly a year's worth of wide-reaching and successful coordination across multiple organizations. The ship entered dry dock at the Navy's Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC) Yokosuka in February.

To begin the repair and restoration effort, the Navy immediately reached out to personnel at Bath Iron Works (BIW) in Bath, Maine. BIW is the company that originally constructed the ship and currently serves as the planning yard for work on in-service Arleigh Burke-class destroyers. The BIW employees worked alongside representatives from Naval Sea Systems Command's (NAVSEA) Supervisor of Shipbuilding, also in Bath, Maine, to conduct a material assessment of the ship. That information was then used by SRF-JRMC and the local Japanese repair contractor, Sumitomo Heavy Industries, to plan and swiftly execute the work ahead.

Today, McCain has a fully restored hull, a new port thrust shaft, and newly constructed berthing spaces.

This summer, Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer inducted Sen. John S. McCain III into the ship's official namesake alongside his father and grandfather in a ceremony on board, July 12. The crew's mess decks, known as the Maverick Café, re-opened for business on Nov. 19, the late Senator's birthday.



John S. McCain is forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan as part of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. The ship is expected to complete repairs in late 2019.

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Webmaster's Note: This warship was originally named after John S. McCain, Sr., and John S. McCain, Jr., both admirals in the United States Navy. John S. McCain, Sr. commanded the aircraft carrier USS *Ranger*, and later the Fast Carrier Task Force during the latter stages of World War II.

John S. McCain, Jr. commanded the submarines USS *Gunnel* and USS *Dentuda* during World War II. He subsequently held a number of posts, rising to Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Command, before retiring in 1972. These men were, respectively, the grandfather and father of Senator John S. McCain III.

On 11 July 2018, at a rededication ceremony, Senator John McCain was added as a namesake, along with his father and grandfather.

The ship's nickname is "Big Bad John", and has the motto "Fortune Favors the Brave".

