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USS Jason Dunham and France Team Up in U.S. 5th Fleet



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ARABIAN GULF (NNS) -- The guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) and the French frigate FS Courbet (F712) participated in training during a three-week interoperability period, Nov. 8.

While conducting routine operations in the Arabian Gulf, Dunham and Courbet, under tactical control of U.S. 5th Fleet Task Force (TF) 55, rendezvoused to perform a variety of integrated training that included a liaison naval officer (LNO) exchange, a low-slow flyer (helicopter) drill and deck-landing qualification (DLQ) for a U.S. helicopter aboard Courbet.

"Working with the FS Courbet was a perfect chance to demonstrate our ability to integrate with other countries," said Cmdr. John Hamilton, Dunham's commanding officer. "It allows France to see how we operate and learn from our methods but it also allows our crew the chance to learn from them."

Dunham has also worked with other countries including the Egyptian Naval Force and the Indian Navy during the ship's current deployment.

Jason Dunham is on deployment in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.



Webmaster's Note: **USS Jason Dunham (DDG-109)** is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer in the United States Navy. She is named after U.S. Marine Corps corporal Jason Dunham, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for service in the Iraq War.