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USS Detroit Begins Operational Testing of LCS Surface-to-Surface Missile Module



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NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- USS Detroit (LCS 7) began initial operational test and evaluation (IOT&E) of the Surface-to-Surface Missile Module (SSMM) Nov. 17, two months ahead of schedule.

The SSMM is the newest addition to the Littoral Combat Ship Surface Warfare Mission Package, designed to counter potential swarms of attacking armed small craft. The Navy's Program Executive Office for Unmanned and Small Combatants accelerated the package's operational testing following successful developmental and integrated testing off the coast of Virginia from July through November. The test and evaluation plan involves two fast inshore attack craft raid events that utilize the SSMM and Gun Mission Module (GMM), consisting of two 30mm guns, and 57mm weapons systems. IOT&E completion is planned for early 2019.



The Gun Mission Module, Maritime Security Module, and Aviation Mission Module all achieved initial operational capability in November 2014 and have embarked on multiple deployments on both Freedom and Independence LCS variants, providing much-needed visit, board, search, and seizure and small boat defense capabilities in the dynamic and congested sea lanes, straits and archipelagos of South and Southeast Asia.

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Webmaster's Note:

Detroit is the sixth ship to be named after the city of Detroit, Michigan.

