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Royal Australian Air Commodore Visits USS Mobile Bay (CG 53)



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INDIAN OCEAN (NNS) -- Royal Australian Air Force Air Commodore Tim Alsop, Director of the Combined Air and Space Operations Center (CAOC) at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, visited the guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), Dec. 8. Commodore Alsop works with the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy and other services to maintain air readiness both defensively and offensively. The CAOC provides the command and control of airpower throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.



"The purpose of the visit was for familiarization," said Capt. James Storm, commanding officer, Mobile Bay. "It was to familiarize him and demonstrate to him how the Mobile Bay contributes to the combined defense of the Arabian Gulf, and how we are an air-defense asset for USS John C. Stennis and (the) 5th Fleet area of operations."

The visit consisted of tours in various departments' spaces throughout the ship. Each stop highlighted how those teams specifically contribute to Mobile Bay's mission. The USS Mobile Bay is deployed to 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 western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.

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Webmaster's Note:

USS *Mobile Bay* (CG-53) is a *Ticonderoga* class guided-missile cruiser serving in the United States Navy. She is named for the naval Battle of Mobile Bay during the American Civil War in 1864.

In May 1991, *Mobile Bay* was ordered to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, to participate in Operation Fiery Vigil, the evacuation of thousands of people displaced by the volcanic eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.