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USS Donald Cook to Conduct Security Ops in the Black Sea



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DARDANELLES STRAIT - (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) began its north-bound transit of the Dardanelles Strait, en route to the Black Sea Jan. 19, 2019, to conduct maritime security operations and enhance regional maritime stability, combined readiness and naval capability with our NATO allies and partners in the region. The U.S. Navy routinely operates in the Black Sea consistent with the Montreux Convention and international law.

"The United States and the U.S. Navy continue to stand alongside our allies in defense of shared regional interests and maritime stability," said Cmdr. Matthew J. Powel, commanding officer of Donald Cook. "Our arrival into the Black Sea will showcase the Navy's interoperability in pursuit of common security objectives, enabling us to respond effectively to future crises or deterring aggression."



BOSPHORUS STRAIT (Jan. 19, 2019) The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) transits the Bosphorus Strait, en route to the Black Sea,

Donald Cook, forward-deployed at Naval Station Rota, Spain, is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe. U.S. 6th Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied, and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa.

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Webmaster's Note: **USS Donald Cook (DDG-75)** is an *Arleigh Burke*-class guided missile destroyer in the United States Navy named for Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Donald Cook (August 9, 1934 – December 8, 1967) was a United States Marine Corps officer.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while interned as a Prisoner of War by the Viet Cong in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 31 December 1964 to 8 December 1967.

