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USS Spruance Completes MDVR in Jebel Ali in Persian Gulf

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JEBEL ALI, United Arab Emirates - (NNS) -- The guided-missile destroyer USS Spruance (DDG 111) departed Jebel Ali, after completing a mid-deployment voyage repair (MDVR), Jan. 13. MDVRs are maintenance periods designed to allow the crew to complete repairs and maintenance on the ship that typically cannot be done underway and will ensure mission readiness for the remainder of a deployment.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Byron Gibbs, from Kayenta, Arizona, the main propulsion assistant aboard the Spruance, explained how some of the work was completed. "During the voyage repairs conducted in Jebel Ali, we were able to execute 66 installations or lagging jobs throughout the ship on various systems that impact health, quality of life, and safety of the crew," said Gibbs.



In addition to topside maintenance, the Spruance had divers perform a hull inspection and also polish the screws along with an inspection of the sonar dome. "We also did mission-critical engine work," said Gibbs. "The team who executed that was actually seven enlisted Sailors, a civilian from Bahrain, and another civilian from Rota, Spain."

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Webmaster's Note: **USS Spruance (DDG-111)** is a United States Navy *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer. She is the 61st ship in her class. *Spruance* is the second ship to be named for Admiral Raymond A. Spruance (1886–1969), who commanded American naval forces at the Battles of Midway and the Philippine Sea. He was later Ambassador to the Philippines.



Raymond Ames Spruance (July 3, 1886 – December 13, 1969) was a United States Navy admiral in World War II. He commanded U.S. naval forces during two of the most significant naval battles that took place in the Pacific Theatre: the Battle of Midway and the Battle of the Philippine Sea. At Midway, Spruance scored the first major victory for the United States over Japan; most historians consider Midway the turning point of the Pacific War.