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USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) to Visit Mexico



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MANZANILLO, Mexico (NNS) -- USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) arrived in Manzanillo for a regularly scheduled port visit April 10.

While in port, crew members will have a chance to participate in various activities to build upon friendships and experience the rich culture of Mexico.

Planned engagements include a beach and mangrove area clean-up, and tours for senior Mexican naval officials, Mexican navy and marine personnel, and U.S. Embassy personnel stationed in Mexico.

"We're honored to be part of Ralph Johnson's first crew, making the journey from Pascagoula to the West Coast of the U.S.," Cmdr. Jason Patterson, Ralph Johnson commanding officer said. "The crew is very excited to visit Manzanillo. It's a great opportunity for the crew to meet locals, try local food, and get involved in the community."

Ralph Johnson is an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer. It is a multi-mission platform capable of sustained combat operations supporting forward presence, maritime security, sea control, and deterrence.

A newly commissioned destroyer, Ralph Johnson is currently making her way to her future homeport of Everett, Washington, and is the first ship to bear this name.



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Webmaster's Note:

On 15 February 2012, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced the ship's named to be *Ralph Johnson* in honor of Marine Ralph H. Johnson, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for shielding two fellow Marines from a grenade in March 1968 during the Vietnam War.