



Another example of a mission ready ship because of a U.S. Navy Port Engineer

USS Chief (MCM 14) visits Jakarta, Indonesia

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JAKARTA, Indonesia (NNS) -- The Avenger-class mine countermeasures ship USS Chief (MCM 14) arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia, Feb. 26, for a port visit.

Chief is visiting Jakarta while operating in U.S. 7th Fleet to work with their Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL) counterparts to strengthen regional security and stability, and enhance interoperability.

Upon arriving, the Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL) hosted a welcoming ceremony that included a sample of their culture with a traditional Indonesian dance. After the ceremony Crayton provided a tour of the ship to the Indonesian sailors that hosted the ceremony. Chief is also in the region to honor the 77th anniversary of the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait, where the crews of USS Houston (CA 30) and HMAS Perth (D 29) lost their lives in battle.

Chief, part of Mine Countermeasures Squadron 7, is operating in the Indo-Pacific region to enhance interoperability with partners and serve as a ready-response platform for contingency operations.

For more news from Commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. 7th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/ctf76/.

Webmaster's Note:

JAVA SEA (Feb. 24, 2019) The Avenger-class mine countermeasures ship USS Chief (MCM 14) pulls alongside the Henry J. Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200) during a replenishment-at-sea evolution. Guadalupe is conducting routine operations, providing logistical support to U.S. Navy and allied forces operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

USS Chief (MCM-14) is an *Avenger*-class mine countermeasures ship of the United States Navy. She was named after the rate of chief petty officer.

She was built by Peterson Shipbuilders, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. USS *Chief* is homeported in Sasebo, Japan and is part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

USS *Chief* is named for the former USS *Chief* (AM-315), and to honor the service and tradition of the Chief Petty Officers of the United States Navy. *Chief* (MCM 14) was christened by Mrs. Susan Bushey (the wife of the seventh Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy MCPON Duane Bushey) on 12 June 1993 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

