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Senior Naval Leader Visit Historical City in North Africa, Strengthening Ties



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ALGIERS, Algeria (NNS) -- Adm. James G. Foggo III, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa (CNE-A) and commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples, Italy, departed Algiers, Algeria, March 7 after completing two days of scheduled engagements with senior Algerian officials. The visit, in conjunction with a visit to the capital city by an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer **USS Donald Cook (DDG-75)**, was held as a way to enhance military-to-military relations between the two countries. The meetings underscore the importance of the longstanding Algero-American relationship and demonstrate cooperation on mutual security interests. Like the United States, Algeria is a maritime nation with much of its population centered in coastal cities. A safe and secure Mediterranean is a mutual interest; working together on issues such as search and rescue, countering illicit trafficking, and maritime domain awareness to ensure maritime security and stability is a priority.



CNE-A continues to work with our allies and partners to support the collective progress of African coastal countries in building their security and law enforcement institutions. CNE-A, headquartered in Naples, oversees joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied and interagency partners, to enable enduring relationships and increase vigilance and resilience in Europe and Africa.

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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.

