



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

USS Sentry and NATO Navies Complete Artemis Trident 19



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MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) – France’s Marine Nationale, the United Kingdom’s Royal Navy and the U.S. Navy’s **USS Sentry (MCM 3)**, completed the U.S. 5th Fleet mine countermeasures exercise Artemis Trident in the Arabian Gulf. The scenario for the defensive exercise was for coalition forces to provide safe passage to humanitarian relief vessels through a mined area.

In the fictional scenario, 70 nautical miles of channels and routes were cleared for simulated shipping using multiple, integrated sensors. Geographically dispersed forces practiced choke point clearance and harbor breakout. The exercise involved over 700 personnel, 10 ships, and five helicopters from the three nations.



"There are many similarities between all three MCM communities from the comradeship and professionalism onboard these small ships, to the quest to embrace emerging maritime autonomous technology," Royal Navy Commander Steven White, commander of Combined Task Group 52.2, said. "MCM is a complex and dangerous business that many people do not understand, these exercises allow me along with my fellow task group commanders, and commanding officers of ships and diving

units to practice and refine our skills and procedures so we are ready when called upon to do this for real."

U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of water and includes the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean. The expanse comprises 20 countries and includes three critical choke points at the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal and the Strait of Bab al-Mandeb at the southern tip of Yemen.

For more news from Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/5th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/cusnc/.

ARABIAN GULF (April 10, 2019) The U.S. Navy expeditionary sea base USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3), fleet ocean tug USNS Catawba (T-ATF 168), Avenger-class mine countermeasures ship **USS Sentry (MCM 3)**.



Webmaster's Note: **USS Sentry (MCM-3)**, an *Avenger*-class mine countermeasures ship, is the second U.S. Navy ship of that name. *Sentry* was laid down on 8 October 1984 by Peterson Builders in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; launched on 20 September 1986 and commissioned on 2 September 1989.