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## Archbishop Romanet Visits USS McFaul (DDG 74)

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GULF OF ADEN (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer **USS McFaul (DDG 74)** hosted French Archbishop Antoine De Romanet to celebrate Easter weekend. Archbishop Romanet is currently the "Bishop of the Armies," head of the Archdiocese of the French Armed Services. He has served as Parish priest of Notre-Dame d'Auteuil, Paris, parish priest of Saint-Louis de France in Washington D.C. and chaplain of the French Lycee Rochambeau.

Romanet arrived on the McFaul flight deck April 21 on a French Marine Nationale AS365 Dauphin helicopter, toured the ship and prepared for a worship service. "This is my first visit to an American ship," Romanet said. "I feel very welcome and am enjoying meeting members of team McFaul. The association between our countries is very important and I am glad I get to celebrate Easter with Americans with the same beliefs in a different culture."



Archbishop Romanet held a worship service in the McFaul wardroom where he prayed for the crew of McFaul and their families, offered communion, and hosted a meet-and-greet afterwards for anyone in attendance.

USS McFaul is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.

**Webmaster's Note:** **USS McFaul (DDG-74)** is an *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer in the United States Navy. She is named for U.S. Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer Donald L. McFaul.



**Donald Lewis McFaul** (20 September 1957 – 20 December 1989) was a United States Navy SEAL killed in action at Paitilla Airfield during Operation Just Cause, the 1989 United States invasion of Panama. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Navy Cross for his heroism during the battle while pulling another SEAL to safety. Only two Navy Crosses were awarded for the 1989 operations in Panama.

The *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer USS *McFaul* (DDG-74) was named to honor him.

