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# USS Preble Completes Cooperative Deployment with HMAS Melbourne



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PHILIPPINE SEA (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer **USS Preble (DDG 88)** completed a cooperative deployment with the Royal Australian Navy Adelaide-class guided-missile frigate HMAS Melbourne (FFG 05) in the Philippine Sea April 19th.

The two ships rendezvoused for a full day of training between the well-established allies. The American and Australian crews completed ten successful cooperative evolutions, including a rescue and assistance drill; helicopter deck landing qualifications; divisional tactics; and a visitation, board, search, and seizure team exercise.



USS Preble (DDG 88) and the Royal Australian Navy Adelaide-class guided-missile frigate HMAS Melbourne (FFG 05) transit in formation during a cooperative deployment.

Throughout the event, members of both crews spent time working closely with their counterparts on each other's ship in order to accomplish in-rate training. Sailors received lessons in the counterparts' equipment and operating procedures onboard in order to increase understanding and proficiency when coordinating bilateral operations. The U.S. Navy regularly flies, sails, and operates with allies and partners, both bilaterally and multilaterally to improve interoperability and strengthen our capabilities.

Preble, home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

**Webmaster's Note:** **USS *Preble* (DDG-88)** is an *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer in the United States Navy. She is the sixth U.S. Navy ship named in honor of [Commodore Edward Preble](#), who served in the American Revolutionary War and was one of the early leaders of the Navy. USS *Preble* is the 38th destroyer of her class.



**Edward Preble** (15 August 1761 – 25 August 1807) was a United States naval officer who served with great distinction during the 1st Barbary War, leading American attacks on the city of Tripoli and forming the officer corps that would later lead the U.S. Navy in the War of 1812.