



*Another example of a mission ready ships because of a U.S. Navy Port Engineers*

## USS America, USS New Orleans to Forward Deploy to Japan



Story Number: NNS190426-09Release Date: 4/26/2019 10:54:00 AM

From Commander, Naval Forces Japan Public Affairs

SASEBO, Japan (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy announced today that the amphibious assault ship **USS America (LHA 6)** and landing platform dock **USS New Orleans (LPD 18)** will become part of the U.S. 7th Fleet forward-deployed naval forces (FDNF) in Sasebo, Japan.



America is capable of supporting the Joint Strike Fighter (F-35B) as part of an embarked U.S. Marine Corps Air Combat Element (ACE). New Orleans is capable of ship-to-shore movement by tilt-rotor and helicopter. In addition to combat operations, both ships can conduct humanitarian-assistance operations.

Maintaining the most advanced ships is vital to support the United States' commitment to the security, stability and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region.

The United States values Japan's contributions to the peace, security and stability of the Indo-Pacific and its long-term commitment and hospitality in hosting U.S. forces forward deployed there. These forces, along with their counterparts in the Japan Self-Defense Forces, make up the core capabilities needed by the alliance to meet our common strategic objectives.



The security environment in the Indo-Pacific requires that the U.S. Navy station the most capable ships forward. This posture allows the most rapid response times possible for maritime and joint forces, and brings our most capable ships with the greatest amount of striking power and operational capability to bear in the timeliest manner.

Maintaining an FDNF capability supports the United States' commitment to the defense of Japan and the security and stability of the vital Indo-Pacific region.

**Webmaster's Note:** **USS America (LHA-6)**, is an amphibious assault ship of the United States Navy and the lead ship of her class. The fourth U.S. warship to be named for the United States of America, she was delivered in spring of 2014. Her mission is to act as the flagship of an expeditionary strike group or amphibious ready group, carrying part of a Marine expeditionary unit into battle and putting them ashore.

**USS New Orleans (LPD-18)**, a *San Antonio*-class amphibious transport dock, is the fourth commissioned ship of the United States Navy to be named for the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. The ship was christened on 20 November 2004, sponsored by Carolyn Shelton, the wife of General Henry H. Shelton, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.