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# USS William P. Lawrence and Asian Navy's Sail Together in South China Sea



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SOUTH CHINA SEA (NNS) -- A U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer joined ships from the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and Republic of Philippine Navy to sail through the South China Sea, May 2-8.

Transiting through international waters were **USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110)**, Indian Navy destroyer INS Kolkata (D 63) and tanker INS Shakti (A 57), JMSDF helicopter-carrier JS Izumo (DDH 183) and destroyer JS Murasame (DD 101), and Philippine Navy patrol ship BRP Andres Bonifacio (PS 17).

The U.S. Navy and Royal Singapore Navy have a strong navy-to-navy partnership that includes regular staff talks, port visits, exercises like Pacific Griffin, and exchanges throughout the year. The biennial IMDEX Asia began in 1997 and continues to provide an international venue to showcase maritime defense technology and to foster dialogue on maritime security priorities.



The U.S. Navy has participated in IMDEX for decades to promote multilateral dialogue, enhance security cooperation and support regional stability as part of a free and open Indo-Pacific. IMDEX also provides U.S. Navy participants an opportunity to deepen longstanding friendships with the people and armed forces of Singapore.

SOUTH CHINA SEA (May 5, 2019) The U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110), center, transits international waters of the South China Sea with the Indian navy destroyer INS Kolkata (D 63) and tanker INS Shakti (A 57); the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force helicopter carrier JS Izumo (DDH 183) and destroyer JS Murasame (DD 101); and the Republic of the Philippines navy patrol ship BRP Andres Bonifacio (PS 17).

**Webmaster's Note:** **USS William P. Lawrence (DDG-110)** is an *Arleigh Burke*-class guided missile destroyer built by Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. The ship is named for Vice Admiral William P. Lawrence (1930–2005), a naval aviator, fighter pilot, test pilot, and Mercury astronaut finalist, Vietnam War prisoner of war, a U.S. Third Fleet commander, a Chief of Naval Personnel, and a Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Christened on 17 April 2010, sponsored by Vice Admiral Lawrence's widow, Diane Lawrence, and his daughters, Dr. Laurie Lawrence and Captain Wendy Lawrence (USN Ret, and former shuttle astronaut).

