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USS Kearsarge Conducts Joint Operations in U.S. 5th Fleet

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ARABIAN SEA (NNS) -- The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group (ABECSG) and the **USS Kearsarge (LHD 3)** Amphibious Ready Group (KSGARG), with the embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), conducted joint operations May 17-18. After the ABECSG deployed to the region in response to credible threat indicators, the operations highlight the ability of the U.S. Navy to quickly mobilize assets and aggregate different platforms with a variety of operational capabilities.

During the exercises, ABECSG and KSGARG conducted numerous joint training evolutions designed to improve operational tactics in several warfare areas. Exercises included air-to-air training, steaming in formation and maneuvering, and establishing joint communications to rapidly enable a command and control environment.



The joint operations between ABECSG and KSGARG are a demonstration of the steadfast commitment of the Navy to protect the United States, deter conflict and preserve strategic interests around the world. The ABECSG and KSGARG, with the 22nd MEU, are prepared to respond to contingencies and to defend U.S. forces and interests in the region.

The Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge is the flagship for the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group and, with the embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), 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.

For more news from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/.

Webmaster's Note: **USS *Kearsarge* (LHD-3)** is the third *Wasp*-class amphibious assault ship of the United States Navy named in honor of USS *Kearsarge*, a sloop-of-war that gained fame hunting Confederate raiders during the American Civil War. The sloop was named for Mount Kearsarge in New Hampshire.



An AV-8B Harrier about to land on *Kearsarge* as an MV-22B Osprey prepares to launch.