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USS Boxer and FS Charles de Gaulle Sail in Andaman Sea



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ANDAMAN SEA (NNS) -- Amphibious assault ship **USS Boxer (LHD 4)** and French navy aircraft carrier, FS Charles de Gaulle (R 91), and its escort ships conducted drills while sailing through the Andaman Sea, June 7. The French Navy carrier strike group deployment is the first in the Indo-Pacific region since 2002.

Joining Boxer and Charles de Gaulle were French anti-submarine destroyer FS Latouche Treville (D 646), anti-submarine frigate FS Provence (D 652) and underway replenishment tanker FS Marne (A 630). Building on the inaugural, multilateral exercise La Perouse from last month, the drills included formation sailing, combined flight operations and personnel transfers.

Additionally, Boxer hosted distinguished visitors to tour the ship and learn more about the Boxer ARG and embarked Marines from the 11th MEU.

The Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) team is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations to support regional stability, reassure partners and allies, and maintain a forward presence postured to respond to any crisis ranging from humanitarian assistance to contingency operations.



ANDAMAN SEA (June 7, 2019) Amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4), top, transits the Andaman Sea with French aircraft carrier FS Charles de Gaulle (R 91) during formation sailing drills.

Webmaster's Note: **USS *Boxer* (LHD-4)** is a *Wasp*-class amphibious assault ship of the United States Navy. She is the sixth U.S. ship to bear the name of the original HMS *Boxer*, which was captured from the British during the War of 1812.

Boxer was constructed at Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, Mississippi, launched 13 August 1993, and commissioned 11 February 1995.