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USS Wasp participates in Talisman Sabre 2019



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CORAL SEA (NNS) -- Seventeen ships from the United States, Australia, Canada and Japan sailed together in formation for a massive photo exercise July 10, to signify the beginning of naval maneuvers as part of Exercise Talisman Sabre 2019. This year's Talisman Sabre is focused on defending the rights, freedoms, and uses of the sea, air, space and cyberspace guaranteed to all nations under international law and considered essential to prosperity, stability and security in the Indo-Pacific region.



U.S. naval participation included units from the **USS Wasp** Expeditionary Strike Group. The Royal Australian Navy participated with the Canberra-class landing helicopter dock (LHD) lead ship HMAS Canberra.

The bilateral exercise provides an opportunity to fully integrate all domains of warfare, to include air, land, maritime, space, and information, and enhance Australian and U.S. interoperability in combined and joint warfare at the tactical level by conducting a single field training exercise, focused on amphibious operations. Talisman Sabre is designed to improve U.S. and Australian combat training, readiness and interoperability through realistic, relevant training necessary to maintain regional security, peace and stability.

For more news from Commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. 7th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/ctf76/.



Webmaster's Note: **USS *Wasp* (LHD-1)** is a United States Navy multipurpose amphibious assault ship, and the lead ship of her class. She is the tenth U.S. Naval vessel to bear the name since 1775, with the last two ships named *Wasp* being aircraft carriers.