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USS Carter Hall Participates in DSCA Exercise



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NORFOLK (NNS) – The dock landing ship **USS Carter Hall (LSD 50)** demonstrated its emergency response capabilities by conducting amphibious operations to load and unload mobile equipment to train how to properly respond to a natural disaster and to provide humanitarian assistance, July 11. This exercise is part of the Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) training event in the Norfolk area.



Moored at Naval Station Norfolk, Carter Hall received two Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCAC). The LCACs, assigned to Assault Craft Unit Four, landed on the beach to load the mobile equipment, once fully loaded, the LCAC's departed the beach to demonstrate the ability to unload and store the mobile equipment on the Carter Hall. This operation demonstrated how crucial supplies and equipment could be readied and prepared for delivery by U.S. Navy assets in the event of a natural disaster such as a hurricane.

The DSCA training prepares the various units to plan, prepare and execute operations to prepare to quickly respond when a natural disaster occurs.

Webmaster's Note: **USS Carter Hall (LSD-50)** is a *Harpers Ferry*-class dock landing ship of the United States Navy. She is the second U.S. Navy ship to be named for Carter Hall, an estate near Winchester, Virginia, built in the 1790's. **Carter Hall** was the Millwood, Virginia, USA estate of Lt. Col. Nathaniel Burwell (1750–1814). It is located in the upper Shenandoah Valley, off Virginia Route 255 northeast of Millwood. The estate includes a grand plantation house, a great lawn, and terraced gardens, and has panoramic views in all directions. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It served as headquarters for Stonewall Jackson during part of the American Civil War, and was raided and sacked by Union troops during the war.

