Navy Accepts Accelerated Delivery of Future USS Patrick Gallagher



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WASHINGTON – The U.S Navy accepted delivery of future USS Patrick Gallagher (DDG 127), the final Flight IIA Arleigh Burke-Class destroyer, from Bath Iron Works, May 28.

The delivery, which marks the official transfer of the ship from the shipbuilder to the Navy, was accelerated by more than two months, due to exceptional builder's sea trials. The trials executed hull, mechanical, electrical and combat systems at sea testing in series, during a single accelerated effort.

"Our nation's leadership, including Secretary Hegseth and

Acting Secretary Cao have been very clear—build ships faster," said William Mahan, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. "Thanks to innovative collaboration between the Navy and industry, we're doing exactly that."

"DDG 127 conducted an accelerated block builder's sea trial as a result of the phenomenal coordination between the Navy and Bath Iron Works. The ship's outstanding material condition during sea trials paved the way for accelerating ship delivery by over two months, which will allow the fleet to employ this capability even sooner," said Capt. Jay Young, DDG 51 Class program manager, Deputy Portfolio Acquisition Executive, Combatants.

"Accelerated delivery of the future USS Patrick Gallagher signals our ongoing commitment to urgency in shipbuilding and this momentum will carry forward as we continue to build and deliver these advanced warships to the fleet."

To accelerate delivery, the Navy and industry team identified opportunities to streamline the process and maximize operational value with specific focus on ensuring complete construction and reducing the time between trial events.

"Our shipbuilders are a national strategic asset. Achievements like this aren't possible without their incredible dedication, craftsmanship and work ethic. Our Fleet and our nation appreciate them greatly." Mahan said.

With the accelerated delivery, the Fleet now receives additional time for crew ownership enabling expanded timelines for training and certification.

The ship is named in honor of Marine Corps Cpl. Patrick Gallagher who immigrated to the United States from Ireland and joined the United States Marine Corps. He received the Navy Cross for heroism during the Vietnam War when he jumped on and

threw an enemy grenade into a river to save his fellow Marines. He was killed in action just one year later.

The delivery of DDG 127 underscores the Navy’s commitment to building America’s Fleet of the Future. For 250 years, American naval power has projected strength globally, operating forward 24/7, 365 days a year. This operational tempo demands continuous capability delivery, and the Fleet of the Future is our answer.