

Navy to Commission Amphibious Transport Dock Ship Fort Lauderdale



The Navy's newest amphibious transport dock ship, USS Fort Lauderdale, transports the Navy's newest connectors to their new homeport. *U.S. NAVY*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Navy will commission its newest amphibious transport dock, the future USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28), during a 10 a.m. EDT ceremony Saturday, July 30, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the Defense Department said July 29.

The future USS Fort Lauderdale is the first naval ship to honor the city of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

“Tomorrow we commission the future USS Fort Lauderdale, bringing a powerful war ship with a dedicated and determined

crew to life,” said Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro. “This ship will play an integral part in strengthening America’s partnerships and protecting our country’s security abroad.”

The future USS Fort Lauderdale is the 12th San Antonio-class ship, designed to support embarking, transporting, and bringing elements of 650 Marines ashore by landing craft or air-cushion vehicles. A flight deck hangar further enhances the ship’s capabilities, which can support the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

The ceremony will be live streamed at: [USS Fort Lauderdale Commissioning](#). The link becomes active approximately 10 minutes prior to the event (9:50 a.m. EDT).