

USS John Basilone to Homeport Shift to Rota, Spain



The crew of the Navy's newest Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS John Basilone (DDG 122), "manned the ship and brought her to life" during a commissioning ceremony held in New York, Nov. 9. This is the second Navy warship to bear the name of Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone, a Medal of Honor recipient renowned for his heroism during World War II. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Theoplis Stewart II/Released)

NORFOLK, Va. – The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS John Basilone (DDG-122) will shift homeport from Mayport, Fla. to Naval Station Rota, Spain, this fall. Named in honor of Marine Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone, a Medal of Honor recipient and one of the most highly decorated Marines in U.S. history, USS John Basilone is a Flight IIA Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer capable of conducting a broad range of operations, including ballistic missile

defense, anti-submarine warfare, maritime interdiction operations, and integrated air and missile defense.

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