

USS Pinckney returns to San Diego Following Operations in the Indo-Pacific and Middle East



SAN DIEGO – Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Pinckney (DDG 91) returned to its homeport of Naval Base San Diego, following 9 months of operations supporting regional security and combat operations in the Indo-Pacific and Middle East, Aug. 09, 2026.

After departing San Diego on Nov. 25, 2025, Pinckney, along with an air wing detachment from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 37, conducted operations to strengthen regional partnerships and demonstrate the U.S. Navy's commitment to achieving peace through strength in the U.S. 7th Fleet.

During a scheduled port visit to Singapore, the crew successfully completed a ship repair and maintenance exercise, showcasing the crew's ability to conduct maintenance and repair in forward locations. Pinckney's operations were highlighted by key leader engagements with the U.S. Ambassador to Singapore; Republic of Singapore Navy Commander, First Flotilla; and U.S. Navy Commander, Task Force 76.

As operational requirements evolved, Pinckney's mission shifted to support operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet. The crew worked alongside other U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) joint forces in successfully carrying out strikes in support of Operation Epic Fury. During the U.S. naval blockade of Iranian ports, Pinckney and HSM-37 conducted precision maritime interdictions, compelling 11 commercial vessels to comply with CENTCOM directives.

"Pinckney's Firewalkers answered every mission with professionalism, resilience, and unwavering commitment," said Cmdr. Timothy DeVall, commanding officer of Pinckney. "Whether operating in the Indo-Pacific or supporting combat operations in the Middle East, our Sailors consistently demonstrated the readiness and adaptability required to execute our mission. I couldn't be prouder of what this team accomplished."

Pinckney steamed more than 48,000 nautical miles across U.S. 3rd, U.S. 7th, and U.S. 5th Fleets; completed 534 flight hours; executed 24 replenishments-at-sea; and transited through five strategic waterways.

An integral part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the region and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary to execute our Navy's role across the full spectrum of military operations – from combat operations to humanitarian assistance and disaster response. U.S. 3rd Fleet works together with allies and partners to advance freedom of navigation and overflight, the rule of law, and other principles that underpin security for the region.