

USS Truxtun Departs Naval Station Norfolk for Deployment



NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, Va. (Feb. 3, 2026) – The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Truxtun (DDG 103) departed Naval Station Norfolk for a scheduled deployment on Feb. 3, 2026. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Derek Cole)

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NORFOLK, Va. – Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Truxtun (DDG 103) departed Naval Station Norfolk for a scheduled deployment on Feb. 3, 2026.

The ship's company includes approximately 300 Sailors, with an additional 26 embarked air wing personnel assigned to the "Valkyries" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 50.

The ship's independent deployment departure comes after several months of training and maintenance, preparing the ship for a multitude of operations. Truxtun is a multi-mission guided-missile destroyer with air warfare, anti-submarine

warfare, naval surface fire support, and surface warfare capability.

“Truxtun’s recent experiences in the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations have sharpened our technical and tactical mastery, translating proven operational readiness into immediate effects,” said Cmdr. James Koffi, commanding officer of Truxtun. “Our presence at sea will not merely be a ‘deployment,’ but a decisive application of *Peace Through Strength*.”

Truxtun’s last deployment concluded in October 2025, where they conducted operations in U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations. During this time, the ship successfully worked alongside the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group, the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group, the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, and the HMS Prince of Wales Strike Group in various capacities. Truxtun also represented the U.S. Navy in the multi-national operations Mediterranean Strike and Bright Star, which fostered relationships between various allies and partners.

“The Sailors of USS Truxtun are ready to deploy and accomplish our nation’s work at sea,” said Capt. Bryan Carmichael, commodore, Commander Naval Surface Group Mid-Atlantic. “The combat capabilities that this ship brings to a fight will be ready whenever tasked to deter, and, if necessary, defeat, aggression in defense of America’s interests around the world.”

Truxtun was commissioned on April 25, 2009. The ship is named for Commodore Thomas Truxtun, who was selected as one of the Navy’s initial six captains on June 4, 1798.

“We proudly carry the namesake of Commodore Thomas Truxtun,” said Koffi. “Commodore Truxtun’s primary aim as the commanding officer of USS Constellation, one of the U.S. Navy’s original six frigates, was protecting American commerce in the

Caribbean during a period of deep regional uncertainty in the fledging years of our new nation.”

U.S. 2nd Fleet, reestablished in 2018 in response to the changing global security environment, develops and employs maritime ready forces to fight across multiple domains in the Atlantic and Arctic in order to ensure access, deter aggression and defend U.S., allied, and partner interests.