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A Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) vehicle assigned to Naval Beach Unit (NBU) 7 lands on a beach at Townshend Island, Australia, on 13 July as part of a large-scale amphibious assault during *Talisman Saber 2017*. The LCAC, launched from the amphibious assault ship *USS Bonhomme Richard* enabled movement of the 31st MEU forces and equipment ashore in order for the MEU to complete mission objectives in tandem with Australian counterparts. (USN/Sarah Villegas)



Sailors perform a chock and chain evolution on an F-35B Lightning II aboard the amphibious assault ship *USS Wasp* (LHD-1) on 13 July in the Atlantic Ocean. *Wasp* is underway acquiring certifications in preparation for their upcoming homeport shift to Sasebo, Japan, where they slated to relieve the *USS Bonhomme Richard* (LHD-6) in the US 7th Fleet area of operations. (USN/Zhiwei Tan)



An MV-22B Osprey Tiltrotor prepares to land aboard the *USS Bonhomme Richard* during Exercise *Talisman Saber 2017*. The MV-22B is assigned Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced) part of the Aviation Combat Element of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. (USN/Amy Phan)



Guided-missile cruiser *USS San Jacinto* (CG-56) fires its Mark 45 5-in gun in the Atlantic Ocean on 8 July alongside the *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69). (USN/Neo Greene)

The future *Arleigh Burke*-class guided-missile destroyer *USS John Finn* (DDG-112) arrives at Pearl Harbor in preparation for its commissioning ceremony. The vessel is named in honor of Lt. John William Finn, who as chief aviation ordnanceman was the first member of our armed services to earn the Medal of Honor during WWII for heroism during the attack on Pearl Harbor. (USN/Randi Brown)



Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer *USS James E. Williams* (DDG-95) performs a mailbag transfer with the German *Elbe*-class replenishment ship *FGS Main* (A-515) in the Atlantic Ocean on 11 July. *James E. Williams* is home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia, and is on routine deployment in the US 6th Fleet area of operations. (USN/Colbey Livingston)

Photographed in the Bay of Bengal on 9 July, the *Arleigh Burke*-class guided-missile destroyers *USS Kidd* (DDG-100), left, and *USS Howard* (DDG-83) moor pierside in Chennai, India, during Exercise *Malabar 2017*, the latest in a continuing series of exercises between the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and US Navy. (USN/Jacob Milham)

