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Navy Engineer Caught Trying to Steal Supercarrier Secrets

By Bloomberg On December 6, 2014



Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) launch at the Newport News shipyard, November 17, 2013. Image courtesy Huntington Ingalls via Facebook

By Andrew Zajac

Dec. 5 (Bloomberg) — A civilian engineer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard was arrested in a sting operation on a charge of trying to steal diagrams of the U.S. Navy's newest nuclear aircraft carrier for a man who he believed to be a spy for the Egyptian government, according to court papers. Mostafa Ahmed Awwad, 35, of Yorktown, Virginia, was charged with two counts of attempting to export defense information connected to the *USS Gerald R. Ford* in an indictment made public today in federal court in Norfolk. Awwad in September was contacted by "Yousef," an Arabic-speaking FBI agent posing as an Egyptian intelligence agent, prosecutors said. Awwad expressed an intent to obtain military technology for use by Egypt, according to a statement in support of a warrant for a search of Awwad's home, storage unit and vehicles. Awwad, born in Saudi Arabia, married a U.S. citizen in Cairo in 2007 and became a citizen, according to prosecutors. He began working at the shipyard's nuclear engineering and planning department in February, they said.

New craft CCM Mk 1 for SOC

Navy Recognition Monday, 08 December 2014

One year from now, the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) will commission its first Combatant Craft Medium Mark 1 (or CCM Mk1): A new generation of special warfare craft that is set to replace the ageing fleet of Special Operation Command's Mark V boats as well as RHIBs for select missions. Navy Recognition contacted the USSOCOM to learn more about the CCM Mk1, the US Special Forces craft of the 21st century.



Combatant Craft Medium Mark 1
Picture: US Special Operations Command Public Affairs

In February 2014, Oregon Iron Works, Inc. announced it was selected by the U.S. Special Operations Command to provide the CCM Mk1 to support naval special warfare operations and personnel. A USSOCOM public affairs Officer explained to Navy Recognition that the CCM Mk1 main missions will be *"to provide small-caliber gunfire support, infiltrate and exfiltrate Special Operation Forces, conduct VBSS (Visit, board, search, and seizure), special reconnaissance, coastal patrol and interdiction, counter terrorism operations, and FID (Foreign Internal Defense)."* While the CCM Mk1 can not be deployed (para-dropped) by C-130 or C-17 aircraft, there are provisions to deploy it at sea from a "mothership": Platforms such as San Antonio class LPD,

Wasp class LHD or even the USS Ponce (acting as Interim Afloat Forward Staging Base) may be used to deploy CCM Mk1 boats with up to 19 Navy Seals on board.

USS Norfolk to be inactivated

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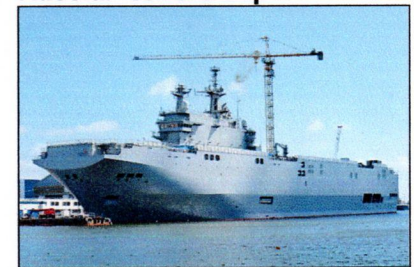


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NORFOLK -- The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Norfolk will be inactivated during a ceremony Dec. 11 at Naval Station Norfolk. The submarine will remain in Norfolk until it leaves in January to begin the decommissioning process at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine.

Decatur Chapter has covers in Norfolk for postmarking for the event.

Russian sailors depart France



Russian sailors who arrived in June to train on the new Mistral class helo amphibious assault ship *Vladivostok*, have departed France after France declined to deliver the ship to Russia due to Russia's involvement in Crimea and Ukraine. Russia demanded the ships or a refund and has threatened to sue France.

Check out the naval items on eBay. Proceeds go to Decatur Chapter. Seller: CGCOVERGUY

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