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New Surface Squadron Receiving Unmanned Sea Hunter ahead of Tests with Zumwalt Destroyers



SAN DIEGO, Calif. – The Navy's new surface development squadron will soon receive its first unmanned vehicle to begin experimenting with, as the service looks to incorporate new types of manned and unmanned platforms into how it fights at sea. The San Diego-based *Surface Development Squadron 1* is in the process of taking administrative and operational controls of the unmanned ship *Sea Hunter* by Oct. 1, Capt. Henry Adams, commodore of *SURFDEVRON 1*, told a Surface Navy Association West Symposium audience. "We are five and a half weeks out of pulling the switch and the Navy formally assuming custody," Adams said, during a panel at the SNA West symposium, held pierside at Naval Base San Diego on Aug. 22.

China Launches First Type 075 Big Deck Amphibious Warship



China's first amphibious assault ship, a Landing Helicopter Dock known as Type 075, was launched in Shanghai on Thursday. The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN or Chinese Navy), the customer of the vessel, said in a statement that after a brief ceremony starting at 9:20 am at a CSSC's Hudong-Zhonghua shipyard, waters began to be pumped into a dry dock in which the ship's hull was built. Participants at the ceremony – officials from the central and Shanghai governments, officers from the Central Military

Commission's Equipment Development Department and the PLA Navy, executives of the State-owned conglomerate China State Shipbuilding Corp as well as the vessel's designers and construction workers – applauded as they watched the launch process, the statement said, without providing more details about the event.

List of 2020 Anniversaries courtesy Wolfgang Hechler

50 years:

USS BLUE RIDGE LCC-19 14.11.1970

45 years:

USS NIMITZ CVN-68 03.05.1975

40 years:

USS FRANK CABLE AS-40 05.02.1980

35 years:

USS WHIDBEY ISLAND LSD-41 09.02.1985

USS ALABAMA SSBN-731 25.05.1985

USS PROVIDENCE SSN-719 27.07.1985

USS PITTSBURGH SSN-720 23.11.1985

30 years:

USS COMSTOCK LSD-45 03.02.1990

USS ALBANY SSN-753 07.04.1990

USS MONTEREY CG-61 16.06.1990

USS DEVASTATOR MCM-06 06.10.1990

USS WEST VIRGINIA SSBN-736 20.10.1990

USS TORTUGA LSD-46 17.11.1990

USS SCOUT MCM-08 15.12.1990

25 years:

USS HARPERS FERRY LSD-49 07.01.1995

USS CHINOOK PC-09 28.01.1995

USS BOXER LHD-04 11.02.1995

USS TOLEDO SSN-769 24.02.1995

USS LABOON DDG-0058 18.03.1995

USS RUSSELL DDG-0059 20.05.1995

USS PAUL HAMILTON DDG-0060 27.05.1995

USS FIREBOLT PC-10 10.06.1995

USS WHIRLWIND PC-11 01.07.1995

USS RAMAGE DDG-0061 22.07.1995

USS MAINE SSBN-741 29.07.1995

USS TUCSON SSN-770 09.09.1995

USS CARTER HALL LSD-50 30.09.1995

USS THUNDERBOLT PC-12 07.10.1995

USS COLUMBIA SSN-771 09.10.1995

USS FITZGERALD DDG-0062 14.10.1995

USS STETHEM DDG-0063 21.10.1995

USS JOHN C. STENNIS CVN-74 09.12.1995

20 years:

USS TORNADO PC-14 24.06.2000

USS OSCAR AUSTIN DDG-0079 19.08.2000

USS ROOSEVELT DDG-0080 14.10.2000

15 years:

USS JIMMY CARTER SSN-023 19.02.2005

USS NITZE DDG-0094 05.03.2005

SEA FIGHTER FSF-1 05-31-05 (Delivered to USN)

USS HALSEY DDG-0097 30.07.2005

USS BAINBRIDGE DDG-0096 12.11.2005

10 years:

USS INDEPENDENCE LCS-02 16.01.2010

USS DEWEY DDG-0105 06.03.2010

USS NEW MEXICO SSN-779 27.03.2010

USS MISSOURI SSN-780 31.07.2010

USS JASON DUNHAM DDG-0109 13.11.2010

USS GRAVELY DDG-0107 20.11.2010

5 years:

USS JOHN WARNER SSN-785 01.08.2015

USS MILWAUKEE LCS-05 21.11.2015

USS JACKSON LCS-06 05.12.2015

I will do pictorials for those in bold.