

# Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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## Long delays are almost over (well I hope so)

It's been while since I sent covers out. The number one reason was the lack of covers returning from Norfolk VA and Bath ME post offices. I have almost reached a point where I have all the Bath ME covers back. The USS CARL M LEVIN DDG 120 and DDG 121 (2-1-16) are still MIA. I have a letter out to the new Postmaster there to try to shake those loose.

A letter of complaint was sent to the Postmaster in Norfolk VA to find out what's going on there. I currently have seven events there that the person who has been canceling our covers since the retirement of Nancy Truitt, has somehow just boomed up. Letters and emails to her have gone unanswered. If you have had any covers returned from Norfolk recently, let me know.

Additionally, I became a snow bird and was in Florida all of January and February. Don't ask me where March went it seems it took me a month to catch up on everything including dining room chuck full of mail.

## Japan builds new surveillance warship targeting Chinese, North Korean submarines



Photo: Twitter JMSDF

Japan has launched its first dedicated submarine-hunting warship in nearly 30 years, with Tokyo concerned primarily with monitoring Chinese submarines operating close to and within its waters, while also keeping an eye on North Korea's submarines. The twin-towered ship, named Aegis Ash, was unveiled by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) at a launch ceremony on January 15 at Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding's facilities in

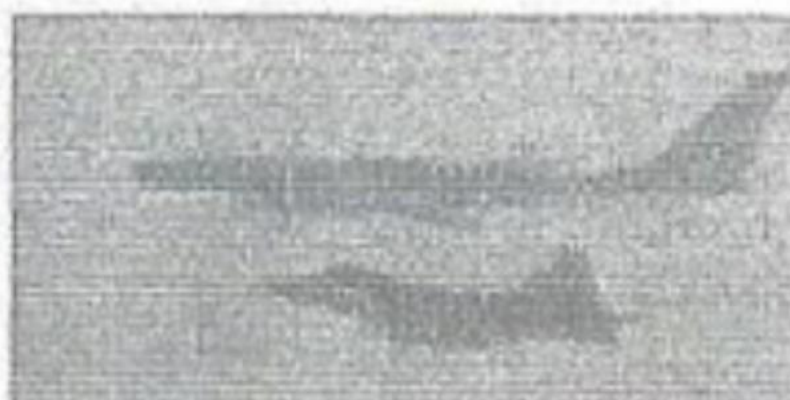
Okayama Prefecture, central Japan. It is currently being fitted out before it can start sea trials.

## Intercepted Russian reconnaissance aircraft were watching US submarines during ICEX 2020



Photo: Twitter USNavy

USS CONNECTICUT SSN 22 and USS TOLEDO SSN 782 took part in ITEX 2020. Both surfaced at Camp SEADRAGON.



The commander of U.S. Northern Command told lawmakers on Capitol Hill Wednesday that a pair of Russian reconnaissance aircraft intercepted by U.S. and Canadian jets March 9 were loitering around a U.S. submarine exercise known as ICEX. Air Force Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy told lawmakers during a House Armed Services Committee hearing that the Russian aircraft were "operating in one of our ICEX exercises we had where submarines actually pop up out of the ice." O'Shaughnessy said the Russian aircraft loitered about 2,500 feet above a camp that was built for the submarine exercise. He said the Russian aircraft "loitered" with an F-22 and F-16 on their wing.