

USS John Finn Returns from First Deployment



Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS John Finn (DDG 113) returns to Naval Base San Diego. John Finn, a part of the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group, returned to Naval Base San Diego April 2, after the ship's first deployment to U.S. 7th Fleet in support of maritime security operations to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific. U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Paulauskas
SAN DIEGO – Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS John Finn (DDG 113) returned to San Diego April 2 after its first deployment, U.S. 3rd Fleet Public Affairs said in a release.

John Finn departed with the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group (TRCSG) for a scheduled deployment to the Indo-Pacific region Dec. 23.

“John Finn provided presence and maintained the freedom of the seas while deployed,” said Cmdr. Bralyn E. Cathey, commanding officer of John Finn. “My crew and ship were proud to show the flag abroad while executing myriad missions and exercises during our maiden deployment.”

The destroyer's primary mission was conducting maritime security operations to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific region. While operating in U.S. 7th Fleet, John Finn participated in freedom of navigation operations, conducted bilateral operations and coordinated maneuvering exercises with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, executed multiple transits and operations within the Philippine archipelago, and sailed through the international waters of the Taiwan Strait.

“John Finn's performance during her maiden deployment has been nothing short of phenomenal,” said Rear Adm. Doug Verissimo,

commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine. “The captain and his crew should be incredibly proud of the job their team did, seamlessly integrating into the strike group and exceeding every expectation. I’m so proud to have them as a member of Team Fury.”

John Finn participated in dual carrier operations in February with TRCSG and Nimitz Carrier Strike Group that showcased the tactical capabilities of two carrier strike groups operating jointly.