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UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN MADRID

The United States completes the deployment in Rota of the four cruisers for the NATO anti-ballistic missile shield

Today, September 25, 2015, the USS CARNEY, the fourth and final Arleigh Burke class missile destroyer to be home ported in Spain, arrives in Rota.

The CARNEY's arrival is the fulfillment of the US contribution to the NATO missile defense architecture, and the 3,400 additional sailors and family members who will call Rota home continue the tradition of generations of Spanish and American soldiers and their families living and working side by side in the Rota community.

Together, the U.S. and Spain are supporting the commitment made by NATO Allies to provide protection for all NATO European populations against the threats posed by the proliferation of ballistic missiles. "In this age of enemies that disregard terrestrial borders and operate unconstrained by international convention, the United States recognizes that no ocean will shield us from the challenges facing our friends," said U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Krishna Urs in his welcome remarks to the ship's company. He continued, "The presence of the COOK, ROSS, PORTER, and CARNEY, reinforces the truth that America stands with Europe, Europe and America stand together, and NATO will defend and protect all Allies against all enemies."



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