



The United States Navy's Partnership with Navantia

Fact Sheet

- In November 2013, Spanish shipbuilder Navantia was awarded a seven-year, 229 million dollar contract to provide state-of-the-art maintenance to the four U.S. Arleigh Burke-Class destroyers (USS Donald Cook, USS Ross, USS Porter, USS Carney) home ported at Rota Naval Station in support of NATO's Ballistic Missile Defense architecture.
- USS Donald Cook, which arrived at Rota on February 11, 2014, underwent its first round of routine maintenance by Navantia from August to November, 2014. USS Ross, which arrived in Rota on July 16, 2014, is undergoing its first routine maintenance period from December 1, 2014 to March 11, 2015. USS Porter and USS Carney are scheduled to arrive later this year, and will each undergo routine maintenance after arrival.
- Not every maintenance period is the same, but the recent maintenance scope of work on both Cook and Ross lasts 100 days, and covers tasks crucial to maintaining the readiness of the ships for success in a high-tempo operational environment. Navantia provides a wide array of services in support of ship's readiness including repairs to existing hull, mechanical and electrical systems and fabrication and installation of ship alterations related to upgrades and modernization. Repairs range from preservation to corrosion control and pump overhaul to electrical circuit and component repairs. Upgrades and modernization range from rehabilitation of living spaces like installation of new bunks, furnishings and toilet facilities to installation of new military defense and communications systems.

- Depending on the type of maintenance being performed, up to 400 Navantia workers are employed, often working around -the-clock, every day of the week, supporting Spanish jobs in a region with high unemployment. During the life of the contract, Navantia will perform an estimated 3 million man hours of work in support of the U.S. destroyers.
- Additionally, Navantia sub-contracts significant portions of its requirements to small, local Spanish businesses, in areas such as painting, cleaning and pumping of tanks and bilges, deck coverings, protective membranes and tile, hull insulation, pipe lagging, scaffolding and specialized welding, stimulating the local economy.
- The relationship afforded by a contract of this magnitude creates a unique partnership. The United States Navy has an incredibly unique relationship with Spain and Spanish Industry. This partnership enables Navantia and the Spanish Government to maintain, and potentially expand, industrial proficiency and offset economic stress while the U.S. Navy receives world class support for its primary international Ballistic Missile Defense mission as well as other tasking. All this comes about while simultaneously strengthening ties between the two Navies.
- To date, Navantia has provided high quality repairs and alterations at a very demanding pace, fully supporting the ships' operating cycles, and reinforcing the U.S. Navy's confidence in this partnership.

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