



USS Ross (DDG 71)

To the Beach, and Beyond!

USS Ross (DDG 71) is ready to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious assault groups and stands ready to become an integral part of interdiction forces. Ross can operate in any threat environment and can defeat hostile surface ships, submarines, and air forces simultaneously while delivering long range attacks.

Ross' diverse combat capability is orchestrated by the AEGIS Weapon System - the only fully integrated electronic detection, engagement and fire control system in the world today. AEGIS enables Ross to detect, evaluate and engage an enemy with lethal firepower and accuracy.

Ross' weapons include surface-to-air missiles, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, Tomahawk cruise missiles, antisubmarine rockets, torpedoes, Phalanx Close-In Weapons Systems and a five-inch rapid-fire deck gun. Four powerful gas turbine engines provide power for Ross to successfully complete her warfare missions. They are capable of propelling ROSS to speeds greater than 31 knots. Two controllable reversible pitch propellers assist her rapid acceleration and uncanny maneuverability.

Ross' shield is gold and dark blue representing the Navy. The anchor stands for the anchorage at Pearl Harbor, attacked Dec. 7, 1941, by Japanese aircraft, bringing the United States into World War II. The lightning flashes symbolize the unexpected assault and the resulting bloodshed. The ship's propeller represents her namesake Warrant Officer Donald K. Ross, and the badge of a Navy Machinist, a post he held at the time of the action. His heroism during the attack is recalled by the inverted silver star which stands for the Medal of Honor he won for valor on board the battleship USS NEVADA. The shape of the shield refers to the Aegis armament and capabilities of DDG 71. Gold stands for excellence, red for courage.

In her crest, the griffin, noted for vigilance, intelligence and valor, reflects the versatility of Ross' operating capabilities. It holds a trident denoting the range of her offensive equipment, and outstanding firepower. Gold stands for excellence.

Combining versatility and flexibility, Ross will successfully engage any adversary today and into the 21st Century. She and her crew are ready to serve our Navy and our Nation in support of American policy, and stand in defense of democracy and freedom throughout the world.

USS Ross (DDG 71) Facts

Ship's Crest:



Ship's Command:

Commanding Officer: Cmdr. Paul Stader, USN
Executive Officer: Lt.Cmdr. Craig Alan Hill, USN
CMC: CMDCM (SW/AW) Gregg L. Snaza, USN

Ship's Motto:

"Fortune Favors Valor"

Ship's Facts and Figures:

Homeport:	Norfolk, Va.
Keel Laid:	April 10, 1995
Launched:	March 22, 1996
Commissioned:	June 28, 1997
Length:	505 ft
Beam:	66 ft
Displacement:	8315 tons
Speed:	30+ knots

