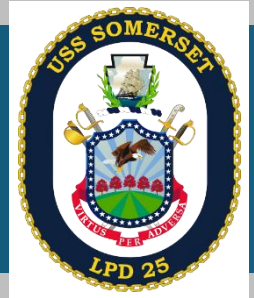


USS Somerset (LPD 25)

Amphibious Transport Dock, San Antonio-Class



USS Somerset (LPD 25) is the ninth ship of the San Antonio-class. These ships combine 21st century amphibious ship building and warfighting technologies to support current and future Marine Corps aircraft and landing craft, and are capable of transporting nearly 1,200 Sailors and Marines. LPDs are employed in a variety of manners ranging from conventional, expeditionary, special operations, defense support to civil authorities and foreign humanitarian assistance/ disaster relief, while providing robust command and control.

News:

Sailors assigned to amphibious transport dock ship USS Somerset (LPD 25) help friends and family dress out in firefighting gear on the flight deck during a Tiger Cruise while underway in the Pacific Ocean, June 5. A Tiger Cruise allows service members to acquaint their family members with their ship and shipboard duties, and is intended to promote morale and a sense of pride in the Navy. Somerset is currently underway conducting routine operations in U.S. 3rd Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Evan Diaz)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/9104805/family-friends-and-midshipmen-embark-uss-somerset-tiger-cruise>

DoD completes Underway Recovery Test 12 with NASA. NASA's Exploration Ground Systems Landing and Recovery team and the Department of Defense successfully completed the third recovery test for the crewed Artemis II mission aboard amphibious transport dock USS Somerset (LPD 25) off the coast of San Diego, March 31.

<https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/lpd25/#:~:text=Department%20of%20Defense%20completes%20Underway,of%20San%20Diego%2C%20March%2031>

Ship General Characteristics, San Antonio Class:

Christened: Jul. 28, 2012

Commissioned: Mar. 1, 2012

Length: 684 feet (208.5 meters)

Draft: 23 feet (7 meters)

Beam: 105 feet (31.9 meters)

Displacement: 25,000 tons

Crew: 699 members (66 Officers, 633 Enlisted)

LPDs are used to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies by embarked air cushion (LCAC) or conventional landing craft and Expeditionary Fighting Vehicles (EFV) or Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV) augmented by helicopters or vertical take-off and landing aircraft (MV 22). These ships support amphibious assault, special operations or expeditionary warfare missions and can serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious ready groups.

Leadership:

Commanding Officer:
Capt. Andrew "Andy" Koy, Sr.

Executive Officer:
Cmdr. Kevin K. Mutai

Command Master Chief:
CMDCM(SW/IW) James H. Butler