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Imposing sight of the *Wasp*-class amphibious assault ship USS *Boxer* (LHD-4) transiting the South China Sea on 8 June as a symbol of the projection of American sea power in a very conflicted area. *Boxer* is the flagship of the *Boxer* Amphibious Ready Group and the ship was underway with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in the 7th Fleet's area of influence. (USN/Ellora Sims)



German Navy *Braunschweig*-class corvette FGS *Erfurt* (F-262) departs of the Port of Gdynia, Poland, to participate in Exercise *Baltic Operations 2026* on 4 June. This is the premiere maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic region and provides a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea — an area that has, unfortunately, always been hotly contested. (Polish Navy)



CMV-22B Osprey assigned to Fleet Logistics Multi-Mission Squadron 30 (VRM-30) prepares to lift off from the *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN-73) while underway in the Philippine Sea on 30 May. The *George Washington* Carrier Strike Group is operating in the 7th Fleet's area of influence. (USN/Nicolas Quezada)



A United States Coast Guard 35-foot Long-Range Interceptor embarked cutter boat attached to *Legend*-class cutter USCGC *Midgett* (WMSL-757) departs Philippine Navy BRP *Antonio Luna* (FFG-151) after a passenger transfer during the Maritime Cooperation Activity (MCA) in the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone on 28 May. The Navy routinely operates with the armed forces of the Philippines and Allies through MCAs to continually develop, exercise, and enhance multi-domain tactical interoperability to uphold peace and security in the region. *Midgett* is forward-deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron 15. (USN/Ryan Freiburghaus)