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USS Zumwalt DDG 1000 is Commissioned in Baltimore, MD

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The Navy's newest and most technologically advanced warship, USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000) was commissioned into active service, Oct. 15, at North Locust Point in Baltimore.

The USS Zumwalt is the lead ship of a class of next-generation multimission destroyers, featuring an electric propulsion system, wave-piercing tumblehome hull, stealth design, and the latest warfighting technology and weaponry available. Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. Ray Mabus, delivered the ceremony's principal address. The ship's co-sponsors, Ann Zumwalt and Mouzetta Zumwalt-Weathers, are daughters of former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., after whom the ship is named.

The Zumwalt-class destroyers will perform a range of deterrence, power projection, sea control, and command and control missions while allowing the Navy to evolve with new systems and missions. It does all of this while maintaining its stealth – making this visually imposing ship difficult to find whether close to the shore or far out to sea. RSL Fiber Systems developed and supplied all the topside lights, designed specifically for this very unique ship to minimize its radar signature.

“We are very proud to be part of the team that built this great ship” stated Giovanni Tomasi, RSL CEO and Chief Technology Officer. “We are looking forward to continuing our support of the U.S. Navy and of the Zumwalt class ships that will follow”.

More Information about the USS Zumwalt can be found at:
<https://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg1000>