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RSL Fiber Systems, LLC Receives the Contract to Supply Navigation and Signaling Lights to the 12th LPD 17 Class Ship

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RSL was awarded the contract by Huntington Ingalls Industries to provide the company's remote source lighting systems for the LPD 28, future USS Ft. Lauderdale, the 12th of 13 ships in the San Antonio class Flight I. These large surface ships designed to transport troops and equipment, rely on RSL's lights to reduce maintenance and eliminate any interference of the lighting with sensitive communications and intelligence gathering electronic equipment topsides. RSL lighting systems are qualified to U.S. Navy requirements and in compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard navigation and signaling lights requirements (USCG 72 COLREGS).

The LPD 28 and 29, the last two ships in Flight I, are considered transitional ships. The first 11 ships utilize composite forward and aft masts, resembling octagonal pyramids, to enclose intelligence, surveillance, and target acquisition equipment. LPD 28 and 29 will transition to the use of stick masts which then will be used for the next 13 LPD 17 Flight II ships starting with LPD 30. These 684 foot long ships displacing approximately 24,900 long tons can navigate in excess of 22 knots, transporting up to 800 Marines, two Osprey helicopters and two landing/attack crafts.

"RSL Fiber Systems is proud to be the lighting supplier to this class of ships essential to maintain stability in the world and take our men and women in the armed forces where they are needed" said Giovanni Tomasi, RSL's CEO and Chief Technology officer. "We have been supporting the LPD 17 class since the first ship, the USS San Antonio and are looking forward to continuing our service to the U.S. Navy fleet." After the USS San Antonio was deployed in 2006, the Commanding Officer was very impressed with the performance of the RSL remote source lighting systems and requested that additional lights be upgraded to RSL's technology.

More Information about the LPD 17 class ships can be found at:

https://www.navy.mil/navydata/fact_display.asp?cid=4200&tid=600&ct=4;