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THE USS NEW YORK ENTERS NEW YORK HARBOR



The U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Marine Safety and Security Team Boston and New York City Police Department marine and air units escort the Pre-Commissioning Unit New York as the ship sails into New York Harbor Monday, Nov. 2, 2009. The amphibious transport dock, laid with seven and a half tons of steel from the World Trade Center in its bow, will be commissioned in a ceremony at the Intrepid Air, Sea and Space Museum Nov. 7th.

U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Barbara L. Patton

ANCIENT HISTORY



With the help of a tour guide, U.S. Army soldiers explore what is thought to be the biblical home of Abraham among ruins discovered near the Great Ziggurat of Ur close to Contingency Operating Base, Adder, Iraq, Nov. 21, 2009. The Sumerians built the Ziggurat of Ur to honor their moon god, Nanna. The soldiers are assigned to the 1st Armored Division's 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team. U.S.

Army Spc. Shane P.S. Begg

HOW BIG IS USS NEW YORK



It is the 6th Navy ship to bear the name New York.
Length - 684 feet (208.5 meters)
Beam - 105 feet (31.9 meters)
Displacement - Approx 24,900 tons full load
Speed - In excess of 22 knots (24.2 mph)
Crew - 360 Sailors (28 off, 332 enl) and 3 Marines
Troops - 699 (66 off, 633 enl); surge to 800 total.

Motto - "Never Forget."
Aircraft - Four CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters or two MV-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft may be launched or recovered simultaneously. The ships hangar can store 2 aircraft
Armament - Two 30 mm Close-in-Guns, for surface threat defense; two Rolling Airframe Missile launchers for air defense
Landing Craft - Two LCACs (air cushion) or one LCU (conventional)

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