

Stealthy destroyer ready to set sail to join US Navy

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The largest and most expensive destroyer ever built for the U.S. Navy once headed to sea in a snowstorm during builder trials. Now, it's heading into the remnants of a tropical storm as it leaves Maine for good.

The skipper is watching the weather as the stealthy Zumwalt destroyer prepares to depart from Bath Iron Works on Wednesday en route to its commissioning in Baltimore, and then to its homeport in San Diego.

Capt. James Kirk says the remnants of former Hurricane Hermine (her-MEEN') won't prevent the ship's departure.

The 610-foot futuristic-looking warship features an angular shape to minimize its radar signature, an unconventional wave-piercing hull, a powerful new gun system and a composite deckhouse that hides the radar and sensors.

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