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## Future USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001) Earns Praise in Successful Acceptance Trials

**BATH, Maine** – The future USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001) completed successful acceptance trials Thursday, Feb. 2, after demonstrating dozens of systems for U.S. Navy evaluators.

“The performance of Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001) during Acceptance Trials demonstrated the capabilities of this ship and the men and women who built it,” said Bath Iron Works President Dirk Lesko. “The results are a credit to the cooperation that exists between BIW and its U.S. Navy and industry partners.”

The Bath Iron Works crew put DDG 1001 through its paces, including full power propulsion, high speed turns and numerous other tests. On board was a team from the Navy’s Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) which assessed each of the hull, mechanical and engineering systems essential to the ship’s performance. A statement from the Navy’s Program Executive Office said the ship performed “exceedingly well” during the sea trials.

The ship is named for Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Michael Monsoor, a Navy SEAL who received the Medal of Honor posthumously for bravery during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The ship’s motto is “I Will Defend.”

Bath Iron Works currently has under construction Lyndon B. Johnson (DDG 1002), the third in the Zumwalt class of destroyers, and Arleigh Burke class destroyers Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), Daniel Inouye (DDG 118), Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) and John Basilone (DDG 122).

More information about General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), can be found at [www.gdbiw.com](http://www.gdbiw.com).