



FLIGHT OF THE OSPREYS

An MV-22B Osprey from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, prepares to land on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS *Bataan*. Since May, the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group has been supporting Maritime Security Operations with the U.S. 5th Fleet in the Middle East. The Marine unit is the first ship-based deployment of the Osprey, a tiltrotor aircraft from Bell Boeing that can take off, hover and land like a helicopter or rotate its nacelles forward for high-speed, high-altitude horizontal flight like a fixed-wing, turboprop airplane. **U.S. MARINE CORPS**

Quotables

“We are very pleased with the results ... they compared well with our analytical predictions.”

– David Seidel, 747-8 Flutter testing lead, on the successful completion of 747-8 ground vibration testing. The vibrations simulate what the plane will experience in flight and is a key milestone leading up to first flight.

“When this capability is available to the warfighter it will help transform the battlefield.”

– Debra Rub, vice president of Weapons Programs at Boeing, talking to United Press International about successful tests of the high-precision, low-collateral damage GBU-40 Small Diameter Bomb II.

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