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MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Departure of Jeanne d'Arc Task Group 2026 from Toulon (France)

- On February 17th, 2026, Jeanne d'Arc Task Group 2026 (JDA 26) will depart from Toulon on a five-month mission.
- The task group is composed of the Landing helicopter dock (LHD) Dixmude, the stealth frigate (FLF) Aconit, and an embarked Army tactical group (GTE). Nearly 800 service members are taking part in this deployment, among which 162 cadet officers.
- This annual operational deployment, conducted in areas of strategic interest and in French overseas territories, marks the completion of the training curriculum for French and international cadet officers of the French Naval Academy.

The Jeanne d'Arc mission combines professional training with operational engagement. It contributes to preparing tomorrow's military leaders. For the 2026 edition, the task group will deploy across three continents, extending its presence to the Indo-Pacific region. Throughout the mission, numerous exercises will be conducted between partner armed forces and French forward-deployed forces. These activities will showcase French amphibious, land, and aerial capabilities, particularly in complex power projection and joint military operations, and highlight

cooperation with our partners. This mission promotes commitment to freedom of navigation and respect for international maritime law.

For this mission, the LHD Dixmude will embark a detachment from Flotilla 34F equipped with a Dauphin helicopter, dedicated to maritime surveillance, logistical support, and search and rescue missions. Flotilla 36F will also deploy with its S-100 CAMCOPTER unmanned aerial system. This year, the embarked Army tactical group will operate with an "infantry-focused" configuration drawn from the 9th Marine Infantry Brigade. It includes a sub-unit from the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment composed of 100 personnel, as well as an airmobile combat sub-unit from the 4th Airmobile Brigade, comprising 60 personnel and equipped with two CAÏMAN and two GAZELLE helicopters from the 3rd Combat Helicopter Regiment.

As part of the French Navy's 400th anniversary, a joint educational initiative with the Ministry of National Education ministry has been launched for primary and secondary schools. The project highlights the values of openness and team spirit. During the deployment, officer cadets from the Naval Officers' Application Group (GEAOM) will regularly produce educational videos related to the regions visited. The aim is to invite students to discover the Navy through these videos or by taking part in the "Youth and Territories" events planned for May and June 2026.

#### 1/ Tentative program:

07.30 am: Meeting point at the entrance of Toulon Naval Base

- Boarding and ship tour: well deck, vehicle hangar, helicopter hangar, bridge
- Official ceremony
- Media opportunities with the JDA 26 Mission Commander, captain Jocelin DELRIEU, and officer cadets from the GEAOM 2026 class

10.10 am - 11.30 am: Boarding on a launch to observe the departure of the Jeanne d'Arc Task Group from the sea

12.00 pm : Return to the entrance of Toulon Naval Base

#### 2/ Medias access:

Journalists wishing to cover the departure of the Jeanne d'Arc Task Group in Toulon are requested to apply for accreditation no later than February 16th 2026 at 12.00 am by contacting: [prearmed.communication@gmail.com](mailto:prearmed.communication@gmail.com)

The following information must be provided:

- Number of attendees
- Full name of each participant
- Name of the media outlet and contact details (email and phone number)

A scanned copy of a valid ID (both sides of national ID card or passport) for each participant, as well as a copy of their press card. Marine nationale célèbre en 2026 les 400 ans de l'édit du cardinal de Richelieu qui l'a fondée. À cette occasion, le ministère des Armées et des Anciens combattants et le ministère de la Culture s'associent pour rendre accessible au plus grand nombre un héritage vivant, porteur de sens, d'engagement et d'innovation.

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