



The Coalition of Hope Foundation

“Providing Humanitarian Assistance and Promoting Peace throughout the World”

PROJECT: EXCELSIOR



The COH Foundation (COH) seeks to provide a ship-based humanitarian assistance / disaster-relief (HADR) platform. The ship incorporates state-of-the-art hospital facilities, an array of coalition medical personnel, extensive air-lift capability, heavy equipment and emergency supplies in the context of a multinational, nation-state sponsored, public-private partnership. With the support of the US Government and the international community, this initiative when operational will respond to unforeseen catastrophic events faster and better equipped than any other military or civilian element in existence. There is an immediate need for such capacity and it is estimated that the initiative will benefit upwards of 20 million lives during the useful life of the ship.

KEY POINTS

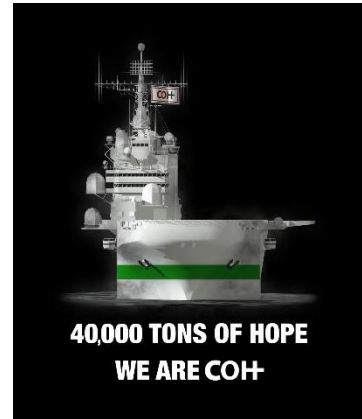
HIGH VISABILITY: Grand human endeavors often capture the attention of history. President Kennedy is recalled for sending men to the moon and enabling the Peace Corps. President Reagan set in motion the events that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. With Project Excelsior, those invested will be remembered for establishing a sea-borne force capable of carrying out life-saving humanitarian missions with efficacy and scope unseen in history. The initiative also serves the collateral purpose of projecting global outreach and logistical support in accordance with United States and allied foreign policy interests.

JOBS CREATION / VETERAN EMPLOYMENT: American shipyards and their workers will benefit from the economic stimulus provided by the ship's retrofitting, estimated to be \$375 million and create up to 9,000 new jobs. Subsequent operations and organizational support will provide an estimated \$250 million in annual economic benefit to the ship's US (Florida) home port. The COH Foundation has secured institutional funding for the vessel refit and will seek multinational funding for operational missions from prospective coalition participants.

UNPRECEDENTED CAPACITY: The use of a reconfigured US Navy (USN) vessel with amphibious infrastructure is an unprecedented concept that provides optimized capability in support of HADR missions. The size and scope of (proposed) on-board assets (helicopter and landing craft), in conjunction with substantive freshwater production capability, the storage of heavy equipment, short-term housing for as many as 4,000 displaced persons and emergency supplies could diminish the need for outdated and costly repositioning of alternative Department of Defense (DOD) support elements in times of catastrophe.

DISASTER RESPONSE AUGMENTATION: COH will act in coordination with the USAID (OFDA), UN, NATO, other NGO's and Partner Nations. The COH goal is augmentation, not elimination of existing humanitarian relationships and structure. COH mission guidelines contemplate the ability to support both CONUS and OCONUS operations in times of crisis. International awareness of Project Excelsior (supported by pending US-based media / TV platforms) would bring positive attention to the United States and to the Trump Administration.

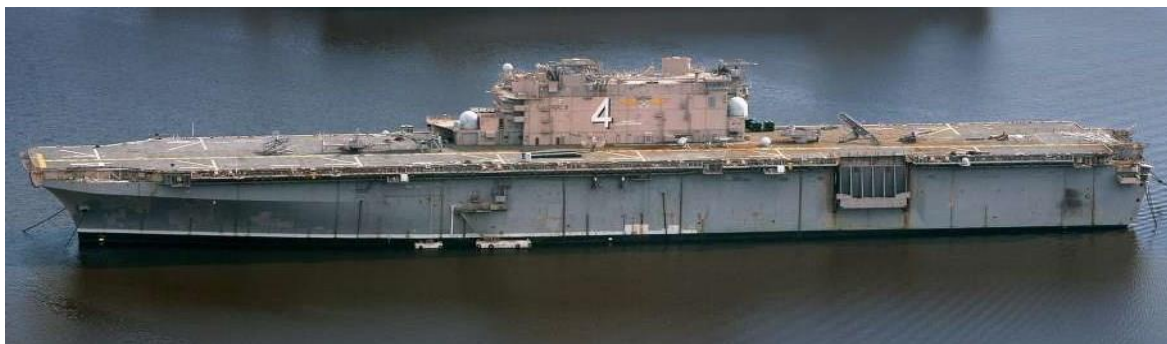
AN INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRAINING PLATFORM: Unique medical readiness and training opportunities for COH participants will be enhanced at a cost-savings for those countries involved. Our shipboard medical staff and early responders will emanate exclusively from our coalition partners; providing a valuable platform for international experience. The introduction of the Excelsior and our second proposed ship, the former USS Peleliu (LHA-5) would diminish this loss by providing global capability in conjunction with coalition partners. Critical ship-based elements will include Full Service Trauma / Acute Hospital Care: Operating Rooms, Casualty Receiving Beds, Recovery Rooms, Pharmacy, CT Scanning equipment, an Optical Lab, Dental Services, Family Medicine, Oxygen / Hyperbolic Treatment capability and other healthcare services.



INCLUSIVE: Project Excelsior envisions acceptance by a broad coalition of nations. Participation costs would be pro-rated, thus making participation economically feasible for all. In the event of catastrophe, land-based medical facilities may not be functional; a sea-based platform uniquely maximizes capability and provides flexibility as to “when and where” it is established. Rotary wing aircraft assigned aboard ship provide an extended range of capability (600+ nautical miles) when circumstances require it.

TRUSTED PARTNERS: The COH leadership is comprised of individuals who have held senior positions in government, the military, and in industry. The Excelsior project received favorable White House (NSC) review in the second of President George W. Bush's terms, and has been continually vetted and refined by subject matter experts (SME'S) the past ten years. In 2017 SASC Professional Staff reviewed and endorsed the project as part of the NDAA process. The DOD and USN have also endorsed the use of LHA platforms in response to disaster relief. Please check the website for more details regarding our organization's leadership and history of success: www.coalitionofhope.org.

READY TO GO: Project Excelsior awaits only US Government approval and ship conveyance in order to move forward. With such approval, Project Excelsior could be providing global life-saving humanitarian assistance within 24 months of acquisition. Alternative outcomes for the former USS Nassau are scrapping or sinking. The USS Nassau is currently anchored in Beaumont, TX awaiting final disposition.



USS Nassau photo 2018