

Set Your DVR/Tivos! “ DDG-51s on “Build It Bigger”

Description

Before you head off to read this post and scramble to set your recorders, drop by [Sunday Ship History](#) covering the strategic surprise landing at Inchon, Korea this week in 1950 by Eagle1!

I caught the show before, but I saw last night it will be on again, Friday, Sept 21st @ 10PM (EDT) on the Science Channel.



The “Build It Bigger” series has an episode “Super Fast Warship” where Danny Forrester goes aboard the [USS DONALD COOK \(DDG-75\)](#) on sea trials and gets the big nickel tour. He tours the 5” magazines and loads powders and projectiles in the gun’s hoist. They do “PAC” (pre-action calibration fires) for the 5”/62 cal and the Mk 15 CIWS mounts, as well as showing helo ops and vertical launch missile video. Danny also crawls inside one of the LM-2500 Gas Turbine modules, and fires “air slugs” for the MK 32 triple tube Mk-46/50 torpedo mounts. In addition to this and taking a ride in the RHIB in the ocean off the coast of Maine, the host also goes into the yards of Bath Iron Works (Where America Builds destroyers!) and show some of the processes used to take raw materials and produce an incredibly advanced and complex warship in 4 years. Worth a watch. Some great detail shots and superb discussions of fabricating major parts, then putting them together with some of the biggest cranes in the world. Oh, yes, you can go to the Discovery Channel show listings and [set it up for an email reminder](#), too!

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