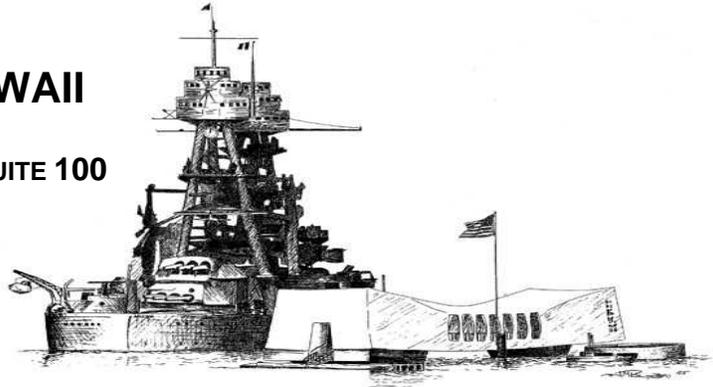


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### **USS Russell (DDG 59) returns from deployment**

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII – Guided-missile destroyer, USS Russell (DDG 59) will return to Pearl Harbor Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from an independent deployment to the Middle East and Western Pacific, the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet and 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet's areas of responsibility.

Russell, commanded by Cmdr. Rodney M. Patton deployed under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) deployment concept in which Pearl Harbor based ships deploy in support of operations in the Fifth and Seventh Fleet operating areas. Her crew of about 24 officers and 247 enlisted Sailors conducted integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners deployed to the Middle East and with the Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) Carrier Strike Group.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission surface combatants, capable of Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW) missions. They operate independently for support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups.

USS Russell participated in integrated training while operating in the Western Pacific. Operating in the Western Pacific afforded the crew the opportunity to improve their operating proficiency in Seventh Fleet's Naval Presence and Theater Security Cooperation missions.

For more information check out the ship's website  
[www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg59/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg59/Pages/default.aspx)

*Media interested in covering the ships' return should contact Chief Bart Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, by 3 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2010, at 473-3788 or 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 07:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 to be escorted onto the pier.*

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