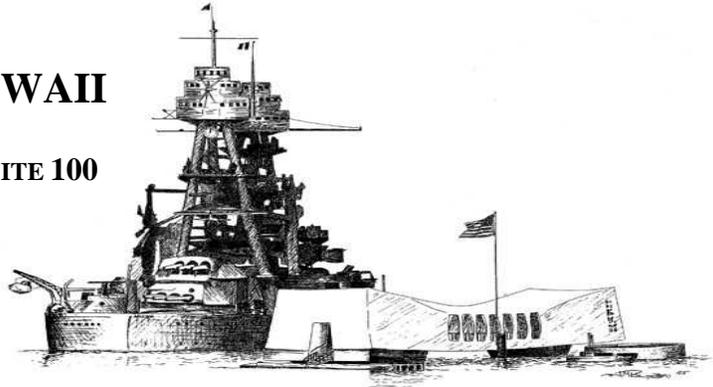


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USS Paul Hamilton deploys to the Middle East and Western Pacific

(Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI) – The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), will depart Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on November 30 for an independent deployment to the Middle East and Western Pacific.

Commanded by Cmdr. Edward J. Eder, Paul Hamilton has a crew of about 30 officers and 223 enlisted Sailors. Paul Hamilton is deploying under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) deployment concept in which Hawaii-based ships deploy in support of operations in the Fifth and Seventh Fleet operating areas.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission surface combatants, capable of Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW) missions.

Media interested in covering the ship's deployment are requested to contact Chief Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-3788 or 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30th to be escorted onto the pier.

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