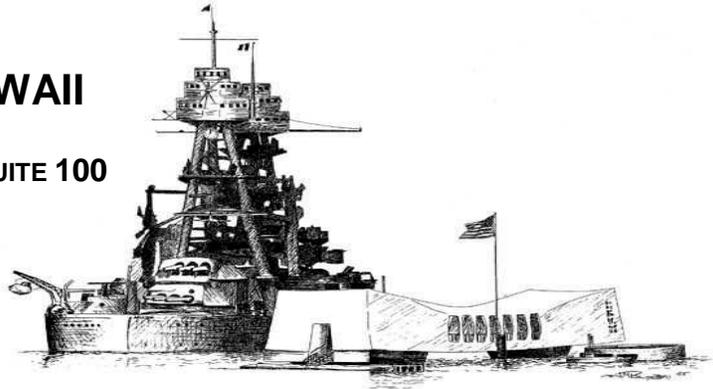


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## **USS Crommelin (FFG 37) Returns from Western Pacific Deployment**

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII – The guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) will return to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Tuesday, Dec. 14, after conducting a scheduled independent deployment to the Western Pacific.

Commanded by Cmdr. Joseph Keenan with a crew of approximately 200 Sailors, Crommelin participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2010 in the Philippines and Cambodia. The ship also took part in exercise Valiant Shield 2010 of the coast of Southeast Asia.

CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in the Southeast Asia region. Longstanding participating nations include Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Exercise Valiant Shield is a joint training exercise between the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, enabling real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces' ability to detect, locate, track and engage units at sea, in the air, on land and in cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas

Frigates fulfill a protection-of-shipping mission as Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

*Media interested in covering the ship's return should contact Chief Bart Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, by 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at 473-3788 or 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010 to be escorted onto the pier.*

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