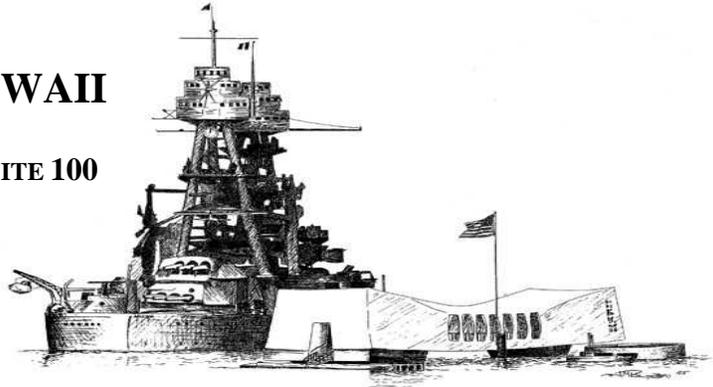


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USS Reuben James (FFG-57) deploys to the Western Pacific

(Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI) – Guided-missile frigate, USS Reuben James will depart Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 1, for an independent deployment to the Western Pacific.

Reuben James, commanded by Cmdr. David E. Miller, is deploying under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) deployment concept in which Pearl Harbor-based ships deploy in support of operations primarily in the Western Pacific. The crew of about 25 officers and 200 enlisted Sailors will conduct integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners deployed to the Western Pacific.

Cmdr. Miller also expects to support the wider mission areas of Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) and Theater Security Cooperation (TSC). When asked about deployment preparations, Miller said, “Reuben James has been preparing for this day since returning from our last deployment. Our focus of effort through continuous maintenance supplied by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, training and assessments conducted by Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, and exercises RIMPAC 2010 and Koa Kai 11-1 have fully prepared us to be ‘ready on arrival’ to support all missions and operations. Our Sailors are ready, our families are ready, and Reuben James is ready. Our motto says it all, “Back with a Vengeance!”

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

For more information visit the ship’s website:
<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ffg57/Pages/default.aspx>

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 9:30 on February 01, 2011, to be escorted onto the pier

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