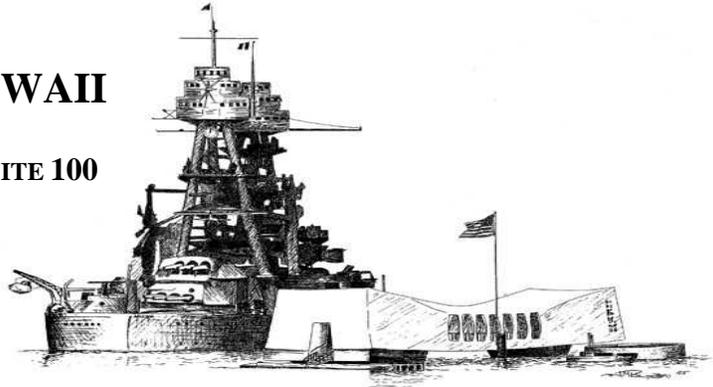


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### **USS O'Kane returns from deployment**

**(Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI)** –Guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) is scheduled to return Feb. 8 from an independent deployment to the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet areas of responsibility (AOR).

USS O'Kane is commanded by Cmdr. Derek Trinquie with a crew of more than 300 officers and enlisted personnel. O'Kane was deployed as part of Commander, Task Force-Iraqi Maritime supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet's AOR.

O'Kane helps provide deterrence, promote peace and security, preserve freedom of the sea and humanitarian/disaster response within 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet's 50-million square mile area of responsibility in the Eastern Pacific, as well as supporting the Navy's Maritime Strategy when forward deployed.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants. They operate independently for support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups and surface strike groups.

For more information visit the ship's website:

<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg77/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 8, 2011, to be escorted onto the pier*

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