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### **USS Port Royal returns from deployment**

**(Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI)** – Guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) is scheduled to return Feb. 13 from an independent deployment to the Western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility (AOR).

USS Port Royal is commanded by Capt. Eric Weilenman with a crew of more than 300 officers and enlisted personnel.

Port Royal was the final ship to assume command of Commander, Task Group Iraqi Maritime (CTG-IM) supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the Western Pacific and U.S. Central Command AOR and transitioning the task of defense of Iraqi territorial waters and the Al Basrah and Khawr Al Amaya oil terminals to the Iraqi Navy and Iraqi Marines.

Guided-missile cruisers are multimission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, long-range strike and anti-surface warfare combatants capable of supporting carrier and expeditionary strike groups, amphibious forces or operating independently.

For more information visit the ship's website:

<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/cg73/Pages/default.aspx>

*Media interested in covering the ship's arrival are requested to contact Chief Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 8:00 a.m. on February 13, 2011, to be escorted onto the pier*

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