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Indonesian Navy Tall Ship to visit Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – The Indonesian Navy tall ship, KRI Dewaruci, is scheduled to arrive Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on February 29 for a brief port visit while enroute the U.S. mainland. Dewaruci began her cruise from Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia on January 14.

KRI Dewaruci was invited by the Chief of Naval Operations to participate in the International Operation Sail (OpSail) 2012 to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Dewaruci will join other tall ships, naval vessels and the Navy's Blue Angels holding demonstrations this spring and summer in New Orleans, Baltimore, Boston and Norfolk, Va.

"This is the bicentennial year of the War of 1812 and an opportunity to reflect on how far our Navy has come since then. Just as they are today, the ships of America's Navy in 1812 were a global force for good, combating piracy, protecting national commerce and supporting freedom of the seas," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "It is a real honor to welcome the Indonesian ship KRI Dewaruci to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this week."

While in port the crew of more than 80 Indonesian Navy sailors are scheduled to visit and replenish supplies. The ship will be open for tours on Feb. 29 from 0930 to 1100, and 1500 to 1730, and on March 1 from 1000 to 1200 and 1500 to 1730 for DoD ID-cardholders, their families and sponsored guests.

Dewaruci is the only tall mast ship of the Barquentine class owned and operated by the Indonesian Navy. She is used as a sail training vessel for naval cadets and is the largest tall ship in the Indonesian fleet. The Dewaruci also serves as a goodwill ambassador for the country of Indonesia to the rest of the world.

For more information about the War of 1812, visit:
www.history.navy.mil/commemorations/1812/1812-index.htm.

For a photo of KRI Dewaruci from a visit to Pearl Harbor in 2007:
http://www.navy.mil/view_single.asp?id=50924

News media interested in covering the ship's arrival should contact MC1 Randall, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, (808)228-0995. News media will be met at the Visitors Pass Office Parking lot near Nimitz Gate at 0815 for an escort to the pier.

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