

# Pearl Harbor survivor is guest of honor aboard USS Chung-Hoon

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)  
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Houston James, a Pearl Harbor survivor, was the guest of honor aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) on Dec. 9, a fitting end to his trip to Hawai'i for the Remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day. James met three Sailors from the ship an hour after he arrived on island from his home in Texas.

Navy Counselor 1st Class Roseanne Corey, Fire Controlman 1st Class Shari Duffy and Storekeeper 3rd Class Valerie Hansen were eating dinner at a local restaurant when James, his friend Jean and Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivors liaison, sat down in the next booth.

The three Sailors noticed James' Pearl Harbor survivor hat and decided to buy his group dessert and go and pay their respects. During this time, they explained that they were stationed at Pearl Harbor on the USS Chung-Hoon and that their ship would be the ship that was honored with the task of going around Ford Island, under the bridge and passing in front of the USS Arizona on the morning of Dec. 7. An invitation was extended to all to come aboard while on island and James readily accepted and toured the ship on Dec. 9.

James was rendered all honors while aboard the Chung-Hoon and was given the tour by the three Sailors and Command Master Chief David Unnone. While aboard, Cmdr. Mike McCartney, ship commanding officer, presented the Pearl Harbor survivor with the ship's coin and command ball cap.

James commented that while he was observing the Dec. 7 ceremony and the Chung-Hoon sailed by, he almost lost his footing because he was so overcome with emotion at how majestic the ship looked while passing in front of the USS Arizona Memorial.

James will be 85 next month and still gets around pretty good. When the Chung-Hoon Sailors commented on it to James' friend, she stated that the reason they were still so active was that they dance every Friday night at their local VFW.