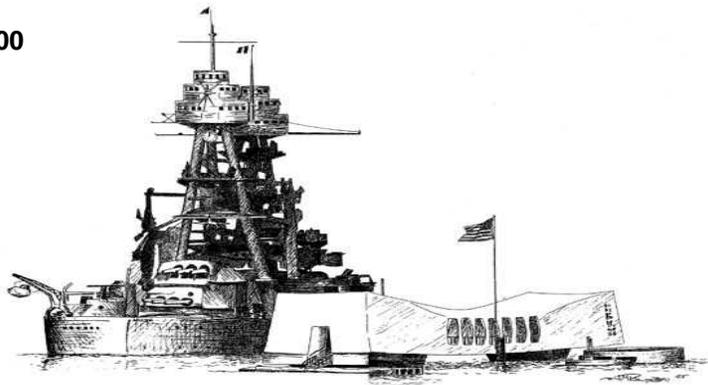


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USS Crommelin to deploy Monday

(Pearl Harbor, HI) -- Family and friends will say goodbye to Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate, USS Crommelin (FFG 37), as they deploy on Monday morning, June 15, 2009.

Commanded by Cmdr. Kevin J. Parker, Crommelin will deploy in support of the Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant Operational Employment program and to participate in the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Exercise.

The Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant Operational Employment program calls for all 11 Hawaii-based surface combatants to focus on the Western Pacific by conducting intermediate/advanced training and regular deployments in the Western Pacific. The program also furthers America's Maritime Strategy by posturing credible power in the Western Pacific to protect our vital interests, assure our friends and allies and deter potential adversaries.

Since 1995, CARAT has provided the U.S. and six other Southeast Asian nations - the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei and Indonesia - the opportunity to exchange knowledge and expand and sharpen maritime security through shared training, equipment and manpower.

USS Crommelin has a crew of about 200 officers and enlisted. Frigates fulfill a Protection of Shipping (POS) mission as Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

USS Crommelin is a versatile, multi-mission warship, able to execute a variety of war fighting tasks for the Nation. Originally designed to escort and protect convoys, underway replenishment groups, amphibious landing groups, and carrier battle groups, her multiple warfare systems, combined with her quick reaction and high speed capability, made her a valuable asset in today's multi-

threat environment. Ultimately, though, her mission is simple: to conduct prompt and sustainable combat operations from the sea – to fight and win.

For more information on USS Crommelin, visit www.crommelin.navy.mil

Media representatives who would like to cover the ship's departure must contact Terri Kojima at 473-2877 or 375-0129 by 4 p.m. on June 12 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 15, at the Nimitz Gate Pass & ID.

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