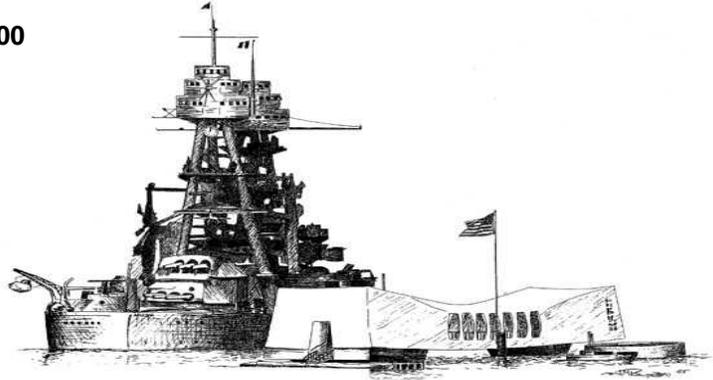


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USS Chosin to deploy Friday

(Pearl Harbor, HI) -- Family and friends will say goodbye to Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser, USS Chosin (CG 65), as they depart on a scheduled Western Pacific deployment on Friday morning, August 7. Chosin will deploy as part of the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group (CSG).

Chosin is commanded by Capt. Timothy Smith, and has a crew of about 340 officers and enlisted personnel. The Nimitz Carrier Strike group is commanded by Rear Adm. John W. Miller.

The aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11 left their San Diego homeport on July 31. Aircraft carriers and their accompanying strike groups deliver the right balance of presence and power necessary to wage war in the 21st century. They enable the Navy to execute the six core capabilities of the maritime strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

U.S. Navy guided missile cruisers perform primarily in a Battle Force role. These ships are multi-mission [Air Warfare (AW), Undersea Warfare (USW), Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) and Surface Warfare (SUW)] surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces, or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups. Cruisers are equipped with *Tomahawk* cruise missiles giving them additional long range Strike Warfare (STRW) capability.

For more information on USS Chosin, visit www.chosin.navy.mil
For more information on USS Nimitz, visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn68

Media representatives who would like to cover the ship's departure must contact Agnes Tauyan at 473-2875 or 554-4813 by 4 p.m. on Aug. 6 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, at the Nimitz Gate Pass & ID.

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