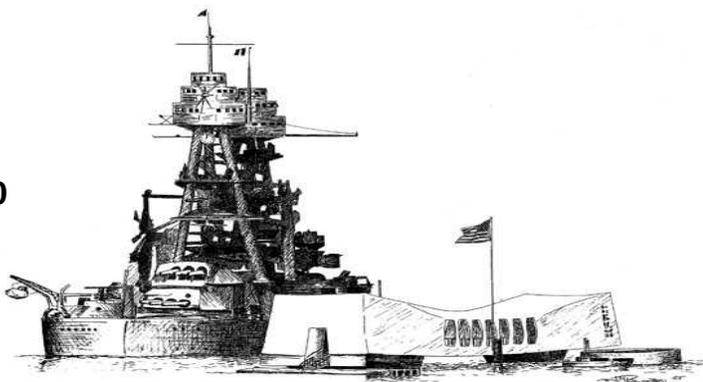


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## **USS Russell returns from deployment**

**(PEARL HARBOR)** – The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) is scheduled to return to its homeport on Saturday, April 7, following a surge deployment with the USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group (CSG).

The Reagan CSG surge deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operations from Naval Station North Island on Jan. 27; Russell joined the CSG on Feb. 1. While deployed, the CSG supported Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, and conducted Maritime Security operations. The CSG also worked closely with allies to build regional security and long-term stability.

Surge deployments are part of the Navy's Fleet Response Plan, which ensures ships are able to respond to real-world situations by maintaining high states of readiness during their surge windows. The Navy's Fleet Response Plan is a Navy-wide initiative designed to ensure ships are able to respond to real-world situations by maintaining high states of readiness so they can provide ready forces to operational theaters and combatant commanders.

Russell had recently returned from deployment on Sep. 4, 2006, after serving with the Carrier Strike Groups, USS Abraham Lincoln and USS Kitty Hawk.

Russell has a crew of more than 330 Sailors and is commanded by Cmdr. C. Brad Cooper, II.

*Media interested in covering the arrival should contact Petty Officer James Foehl, from Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs, by 9 a.m., Saturday, April 7, at 221-0663. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 2:45 p.m. to be escorted to the pier.*

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