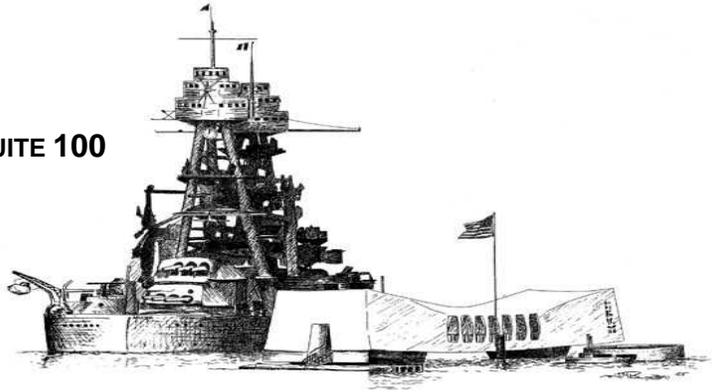


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## **Pacific Theater Battle Watch commissioning ceremony set for May 8**

**(PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII)** -- A commissioning ceremony for the Navy's new Pacific Theater Battle Watch (PTBW), co-located with the Oahu Network Operations Center on Ford Island, will be held at 1:00 pm., May 8 at Ford Island.

The facility is designed to provide continuous, focused Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) support for the multiple operational commands in the Pacific, ranging from the U.S. West Coast to Japan.

Operated by Electronic Data Systems, this new facility is manned 24 hours, seven days a week, and it serves as the primary NMCI support point for many of the area's commands including the Naval Network Warfare Command, Global Network Operations Center, Global Information Assurance Center, Marine Corps Network Operations and Security Command, NMCI Network Operations Center and DoN Pacific Theater Operational Commanders and their Command Centers.

The goal of PTBW is to more effectively identify NMCI issues prior to customers having to deal with them. PTBW accomplishes this by expanding on the frequency and efficiency of network monitoring.

*Media interested in attending the commissioning ceremony should contact Chief David Rush, Navy Region Hawaii public affairs, by 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 7, at 473-3788. Media will be met at the Bowfin parking lot at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, and will be escorted to Ford Island.*

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