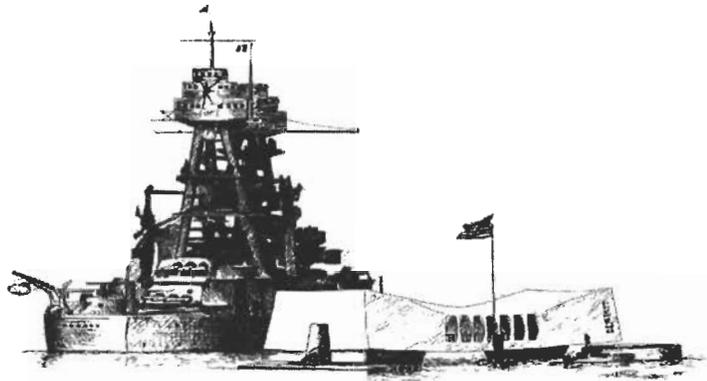


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## **USS Russell prepares to deploy**

Family and friends will say goodbye to more than 330 Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer, USS Russell (DDG 59), as they depart for deployment at 9 a.m. on March 10.

Commanded by Cmdr. James W. Kilby, Russell will depart Pearl Harbor to join the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group for a six-month deployment in support of the global war on terrorism.

The Lincoln Carrier Strike Group includes Carrier Air Wing TWO, Destroyer Squadron NINE, the guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) and the guided missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86).

For more information on USS Russell, visit [www.russell.navy.mil](http://www.russell.navy.mil).

***Media representatives who would like to cover the ship's departure should contact Chief Joe Kane at 473-3788 by 4 p.m. Mar. 9 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Pass & ID parking area at 8 a.m. on Fri., Mar. 10.***

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