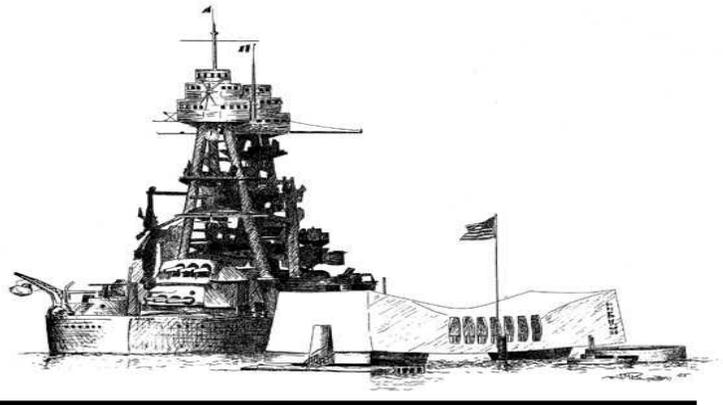


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Chung-Hoon takes on Chinese navy basketball team

(PEARL HARBOR) – A Chinese basketball team from the two ships representing China’s navy, the destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and the oiler Hongzehu (AOR 881), will play a team from Pearl Harbor-based USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) in a basketball competition today, Sept. 7, at 4:30 p.m. at Bloch Arena onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The game will be a good-will match between the Chinese flagship and the newest destroyer in Pearl Harbor’s surface fleet. The ultimate prize will be a greater friendship between the U.S. and Chinese navies.

The Chinese navy ships are in Hawaii for a series of exercises designed to directly contribute to Military Maritime Consultative Agreement objectives of improved air and maritime safety and underscore the U.S. Pacific Fleet’s commitment to supporting ongoing cooperative efforts in the Pacific region. Exercises help establish long-term working relationships. They act as foundation for increasing disaster responsiveness and promoting regional security.

Media representatives who would like to cover the event must contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 808-473-2888 to arrange access to the base. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Pass & ID parking area at 4:15 p.m. today.

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