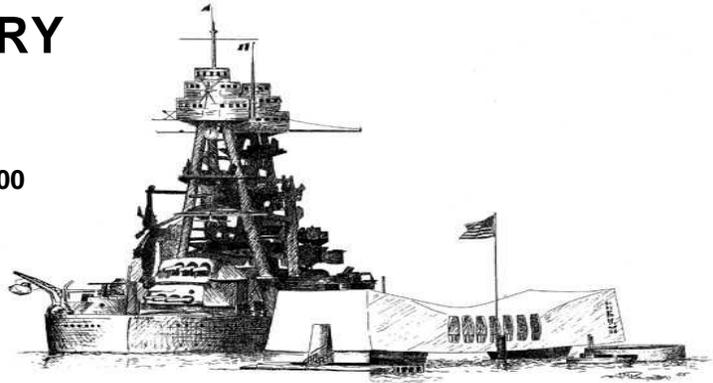


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USS Reuben James deploys Friday

(Pearl Harbor, HI) -- Family and friends will say goodbye to Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate, USS Reuben James (FFG 37), as they depart for a Western Pacific deployment at 9 a.m. on Aug. 24.

Commanded by Cmdr. Rich Haidvogel, Reuben James will depart Pearl Harbor to the Western Pacific in support of the global war on terrorism.

Frigates fulfill a Protection of Shipping (POS) mission as Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

For more information on USS Reuben James, visit www.reuben-james.navy.mil

Media representatives who would like to cover the ship's departure must contact Chief David Rush at 473-3788, or 590-8363 by 4 p.m. Aug. 23 to arrange an escort.

Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Pass & ID parking at 8 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24.

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