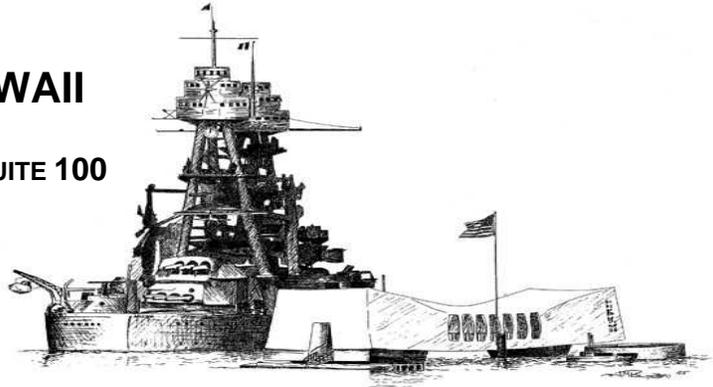


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USS Chosin scheduled to return from deployment Thursday

(Pearl Harbor, HI) – The Pearl Harbor based guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) is scheduled to return from deployment in the Western Pacific on Thursday, March 18.

USS Chosin is commanded by Capt. Timothy Smith, with a crew of 370 officers and enlisted personnel. Additionally, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) Detachment 5 has 30 officers and enlisted personnel embarked.

As Air Defense Commander for Carrier Strike Group 11, Chosin supported 97 fly days including 2,632 combat sorties into Afghanistan.

As Maritime Regional Air Defense Commander for 5th Fleet Area of Operations, Chosin executed airspace control operations, controlling more than 33,000 coalition aircraft sorties in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and counter-piracy operations in the Horn of Africa.

A planned Change-of-Command will take place March 18, prior to the ship's return to Pearl Harbor. Smith will be relieved by Capt. Dave Sheridan.

U.S. Navy guided missile cruisers perform primarily in a Battle Force role. These ships are multi-mission Air Warfare (AW), Undersea Warfare (USW), Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) and Surface Warfare (SUW)] surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces, or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups.

For more information about USS Chosin, visit www.chosin.navy.mil

Media interested in covering the ships' arrival must contact Chief Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2009, at 473-3788 or 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2009, to be escorted onto the pier.