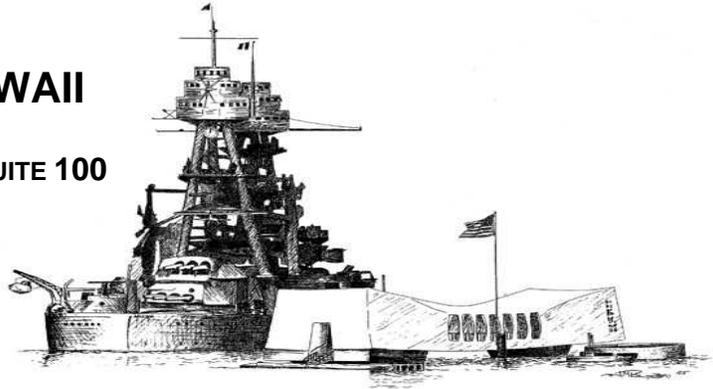


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USS Reuben James (FFG 57) returns June 1

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII – Frigate, USS Reuben James (FFG 57) will return to Pearl Harbor today, June 1, 2010 from an independent deployment to the 7th Fleet's area of responsibility.

Reuben James operated with forward-deployed naval forces, conducting a joint fisheries patrol with the USCG, as well as with local nations, through Oceania to protect vital natural resources. Additionally they conducted humanitarian relief and goodwill projects, including Project Handclasp, distributing medical and hygienic supplies in the Republic of the Philippines.

Reuben James Commanding Officer, Cmdr. David Miller, and a contingent of 41 Reuben James Sailors presented 28 boxes of women and children's clothing and toys to the Aloha Foundation and two orphanages during a ceremony in February during their visit to Dili, East Timor.

They participated in Subject Matter Expert exchanges and several multinational military exercises to demonstrate commitment to regional allies and increased regional stability.

In August 1991, Reuben James moved from Long Beach, California to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On October 1, 1998, she joined the "Ke Koa O Ke Kai", Destroyer Squadron Thirty-One. Reuben James has a crew of about 250 officer and enlisted Sailors.

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

Media interested in covering the ships' return should contact Chief Bart Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, at 473-3788 or 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 to be escorted onto the pier.

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