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USS Russell (DDG 59) to return from deployment

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – Guided-missile destroyer, USS Russell (DDG 59) will return to Pearl Harbor Monday, April 23, from a deployment to the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf.

Russell and her crew of nearly 300 Sailors conducted a wide range of operations, including ballistic missile defense, maritime security operations and oil platform defense. Additionally, Russell participated in multi-national exercises with NATO allies and Gulf partner nations in support of theater security cooperation and objectives.

“I am exceptionally pleased and proud of the tremendous performance of every Sailor aboard Russell during this challenging deployment,” said Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Joseph Carrigan, “I believe I speak for each member of the crew when I say that we are thrilled to be home with our families, friends and the greater Pearl Harbor Ohana.”

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission surface combatants capable of Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW) missions. They operate independently for support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups.

For more information check out the ship’s website:
www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg59/Pages/default.aspx

Media interested in covering the ship’s deployment are requested to contact Chief 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 10:00 a.m. on April 23, 2012, to be escorted onto the pier.

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