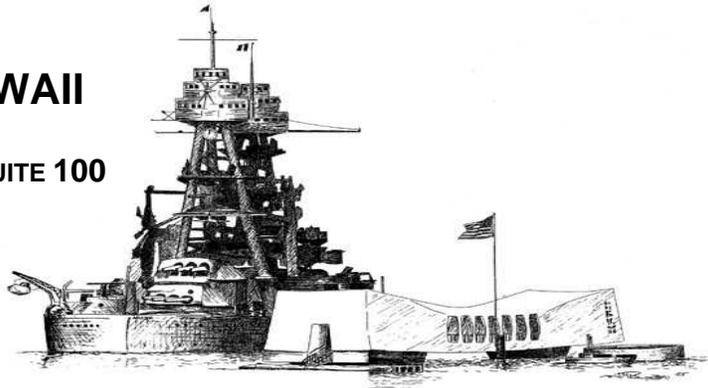


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Pearl Harbor Ships USS Chafee, USS Chung-Hoon, USS Hopper, and USS Paul Hamilton to deploy to Western Pacific

(PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII) -- The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyers USS Chafee (DDG 90), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Hopper (DDG 70) and USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) will depart as part of a scheduled deployment on Tuesday, January 20 to the Western Pacific.

USS Chafee is commanded by Cmdr. Heedong Choi, USS Chung-Hoon is commanded by Cmdr. Michael A. McCartney; USS Hopper is commanded by Cmdr. Timothy J. Kott; and USS Paul Hamilton is commanded by Cmdr. Brent Smith.

The ships each have a crew of approximately 350 officers and enlisted personnel. Guided missile destroyers operate in support of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups and are multi-mission [Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW)] surface combatants.

Media interested in covering the ships' departures must contact Chief David Rush, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, by 5 p.m. Monday, January 19, at 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20 to be escorted onto the pier.

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