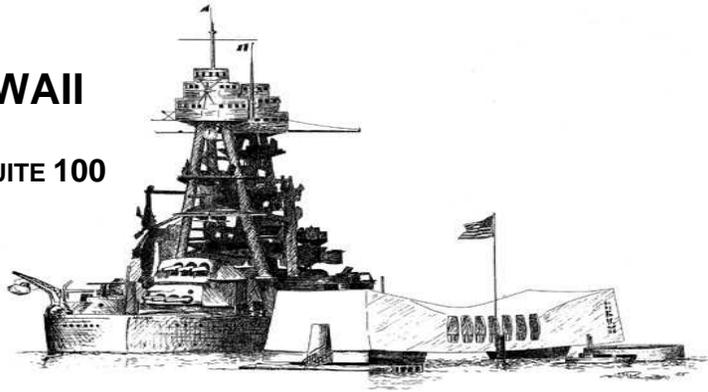


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### **Mobile Dive and Salvage Unit ONE to Deploy April 18**

(HONOLULU) – Thirty seven Sailors from Mobile Dive and Salvage Unit ONE (MDSU) will deploy April 18 to the Middle East to provide Command and Control of Diving, Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) operations throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

This will be MDSU ONE's second deployment to Bahrain. They previously deployed to Bahrain in 2008 performing these same functions.

“From participating in exercises with India, conducting harbor clearance operations in Saipan, to de-beaching USS Port Royal, MDSU ONE has once again proven we are trained and ready to go,” said Cmdr. John Moulton, MDSU ONE's commanding officer. “We have incorporated several EOD Technicians into our team, so we now have the ability to also command and control EOD missions in addition to our mainstays of Diving and Salvage.”

MDSU ONE's headquarters element and MDSU ONE Company 1-3 will be based in Bahrain to conduct theater wide Diving, Salvage and EOD operations, including Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection operations and exercises with partner nations. While the headquarters will maintain operational oversight of all subordinate task groups operating in theater, the Company will be conducting operations and responding to events as directed.

MDSU ONE provides combat ready, expeditionary, rapidly deployable Mobile Diving and Salvage Companies to conduct harbor clearance, salvage, underwater search and recovery, and underwater emergency repairs in any environment.

MDSU ONE, as one of only two such units in the U.S. Navy, provides Fleet Commanders with the ability to gain or maintain physical access to ports and begin the process of returning vessels damaged or stranded back to sea.

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