

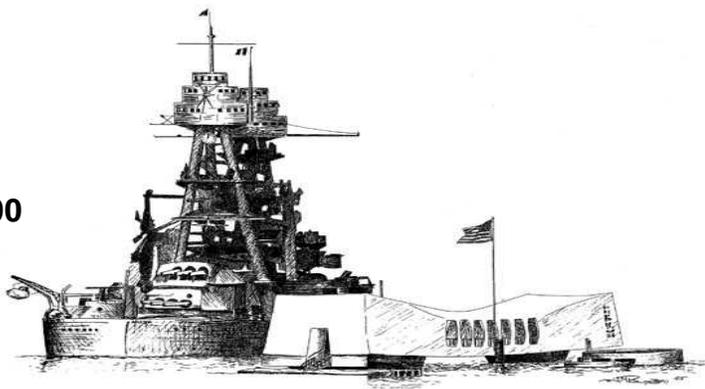
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USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) to visit Pearl Harbor

(PEARL HARBOR, HI) – USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) is scheduled to arrive Pearl Harbor on Thursday morning, May 28, for a port visit. The San Diego-based guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG 54), is also scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

Antietam is part of the USS John C. Stennis Strike Group (JCSG) which includes the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), embarked CVW-9, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 21, USS Preble (DDG 88), and the fast combat support ship USNS Bridge (T-AOE 10).

CVW-9 includes: Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 71, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 8, Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147, VFA-146, VFA-154, Marine Strike Fighter Squadron (VMFA) 323, Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 138, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 112 and Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30, Detachment 4.

USS John C. Stennis left its homeport of Bremerton, Wash., on Jan. 13 for a scheduled deployment to the Western Pacific.

Commanded by Rear Adm. Mark Vance, the strike group plays a key role supporting our nation's Maritime Strategy, which calls for credible combat power to be continuously postured to protect America's vital interests, assuring our friends and allies of our continued commitment to regional security and to deter and dissuade potential adversaries and peer competitors.

Media interested in covering the aircraft carrier's arrival should contact Agnes Tauyan at 473-2875 or 554-4813 by 5 p.m., May 27. Media will be met at the Pass & ID office parking lot at 8:15 a.m. on May 28 and escorted to the pier.