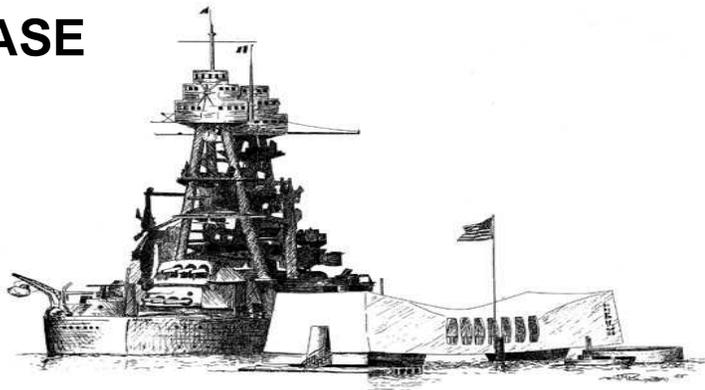


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USS Chung-Hoon returns to Pearl Harbor

(PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII) -- The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG DDG 93), is scheduled to return to Pearl Harbor on July 20 after a 6-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

Chung-Hoon is commanded by Cmdr. Michael A. McCartney and has a crew of approximately 350 officers and enlisted personnel. The ship left Pearl Harbor as part of the USS Boxer (LHD 4) Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) on January 20.

While deployed, Chung-Hoon participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2009, under the command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31. CARAT is an annual series of bilateral exercises held in the Southeast Asia region. The individual exercise phases generally focus on training and interaction with participating nations' sea services. The purpose of the exercise series is to improve military readiness and interoperability with each CARAT partner in a variety of mission areas of mutual benefit. Combined community service activities take place in each phase, as do medical, dental and engineering civic action projects in some phases. Participating countries include Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Approximately 1,600 U.S. personnel took part in CARAT 2009.

For more information about USS Chung-Hoon, please visit www.chung-hoon.navy.mil.

News media who would like to cover Chung-Hoon's arrival should contact Agnes Tauyan at 473-2875 or 554-4813 on July 20 by 8:30 a.m. to arrange an escort onto the base. News media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking lot on July 20 at 9:30 a.m.

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