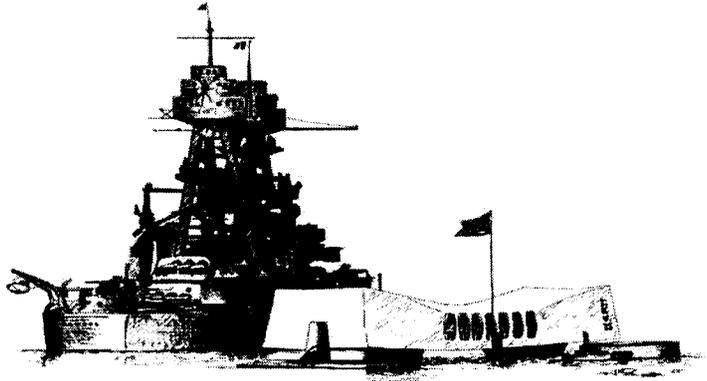


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Hopper, Crommelin to deploy for CARAT 2006

PEARL HARBOR – Family and friends will say goodbye to more than 500 Sailors as USS Hopper (DDG 70) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37), depart Pearl Harbor Friday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. on a four-month deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operation. They are joined by the California-based U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sherman, which arrived in Pearl Harbor Monday.

The ships will travel to various locations in the Western Pacific to take part in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, or CARAT 2006 exercise. CARAT is a regularly scheduled series of military training exercises with Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines, designed to enhance interoperability of the respective sea services.

For more information on Hopper, visit www.hopper.navy.mil.

For more information on Crommelin, visit www.crommelin.navy.mil.

For more information on Sherman, visit <http://www.uscghawaii.com/go/doc/800/116481>.

For more information on CARAT 2006, visit www.clwp.navy.mil/carat.htm.

Media representatives interested in covering the departure should contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 by 5 p.m. on May 4 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass and ID Office parking area at 8:30 a.m. on May 4 for escort to the pier.

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