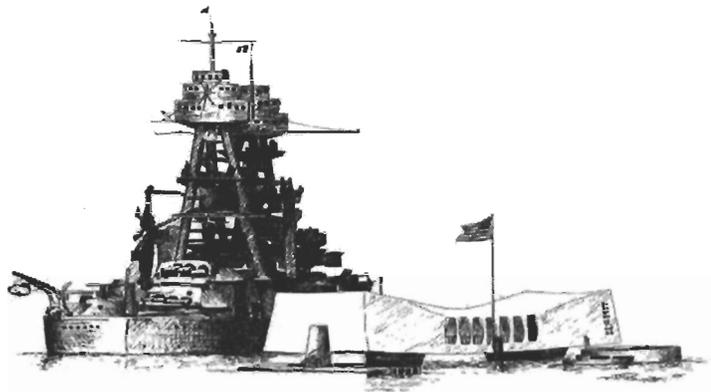


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## **USS Chosin to hold change of command ceremony**

PEARL HARBOR- Capt. Steven A. Lott will relieve Capt. Douglas J. Venlet as commanding officer of USS Chosin (CG 65) in a change of command ceremony at Pearl Harbor Friday, July 14 at 10 a.m.

Guest speakers will be Rear Adm. David J. Venlet (Capt. Venlet's brother) and Rear Adm. Michael LeFever, commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 1.

Venlet assumed command of Chosin in December 2004, and his Sailors won the Battle Efficiency Award in 2004 and 2005, along with the Spokane Trophy for Combat Systems in 2005.

Lott most recently served as chairman of the Seamanship Navigation Program at the U.S. Naval Academy.

*Media representatives who would like to cover the ceremony should contact the Navy Region Public Affairs Office at 473-3788 by 4 p.m., July 13 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Pass & ID parking area at 9:30 a.m. on Fri., July 14.*

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