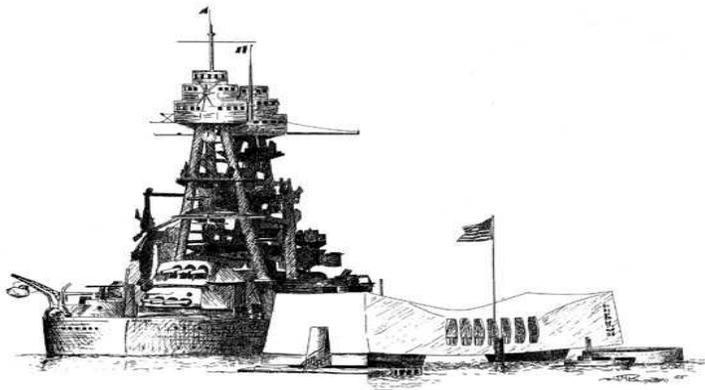


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## **Pearl Harbor to host Republic of Korea navy ships**

PEARL HARBOR – Two ships of the Republic of Korea navy will arrive at Naval Station Pearl Harbor tomorrow morning for a brief port visit. Members of the local Korean community plan to greet them at the pier.

The visiting ships are the destroyer, Dae Jo Yeong (DDG 977) and logistics support ship Dae Cheong (AOE 58). Rear Adm. Jung Mok Son, commander, Republic of Korea's navy training force, will be the senior representative of the Korean navy and will be accompanied by 648 sailors representing both ships.

While in Hawaii, the Korean sailors plans include a visit to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and meetings with members of the local Korean community.

*Media representatives interested in covering the pier side arrivals should contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-3788 by 4 p.m. today to arrange access to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass and ID Office parking area at 11 a.m. on Sept. 21 to be escorted to the pier.*

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