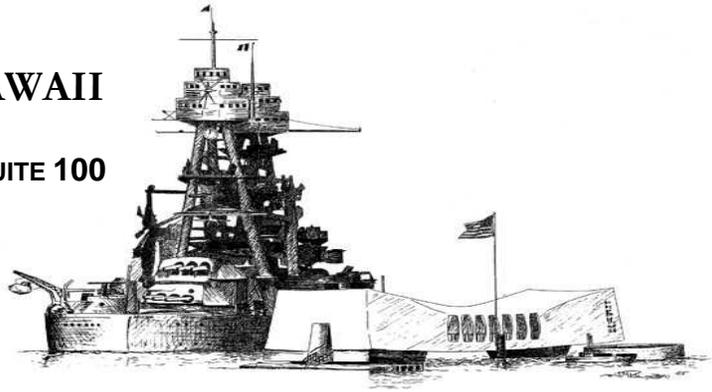


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### **USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) arrives in Pearl Harbor**

**(PEARL HARBOR)** -- The dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) arrived in Pearl Harbor Monday, Dec. 4, in preparation to participate in the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary events commemorating the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The ship is providing tours to Pearl Harbor survivors and their family members which will be held onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

These ships transport and launch amphibious craft and vehicles with their crews and embarked personnel in amphibious assault operations.

USS Pearl Harbor is the first ship to carry the name Pearl Harbor and is named to commemorate the heroic actions of the members of the armed services as well as the citizens of Oahu.

The Harpers Ferry-class dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor was laid down on January 27, 1995, by the Avondale Shipyards, New Orleans, La.; launched on 24 February 1996; and commissioned on 30 May 1998.

USS Pearl Harbor is homeported at Naval Station San Diego, Calif., and assigned to Amphibious Group 3.

The ship is 609 feet in length, has a beam of 84 feet and displaces approximately 17,000 tons. It has a crew of approximately 350 Sailors and is equipped to carry more than 400 Marine Corps troops.

USS Pearl Harbor is commanded by Cmdr. Victor "Vic" V. Cooper.

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