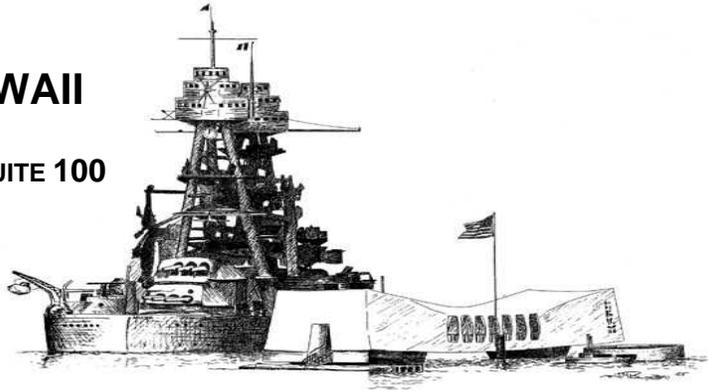


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USS Chafee to deploy with Nimitz Carrier Strike Group

(PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII) -- The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer *USS Chafee* (DDG 90) will deploy on Monday, April 9, as part of the *USS Nimitz* (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group.

Chafee is commanded by Cmdr. Robert P. Tortora and has a crew of more than 350 officers and enlisted personnel.

During deployment the strike group will support Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, and conduct Maritime Security operations. They will also work closely with allies to build regional security and long-term stability.

Guided missile destroyers operate in support of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups and are multi-mission [Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW)] surface combatants.

Media interested in covering Chafee's departure must contact Petty Officer Foehl, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, by 9 am Monday, April 9, at 473-2888. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 9 to be escorted to the pier.

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