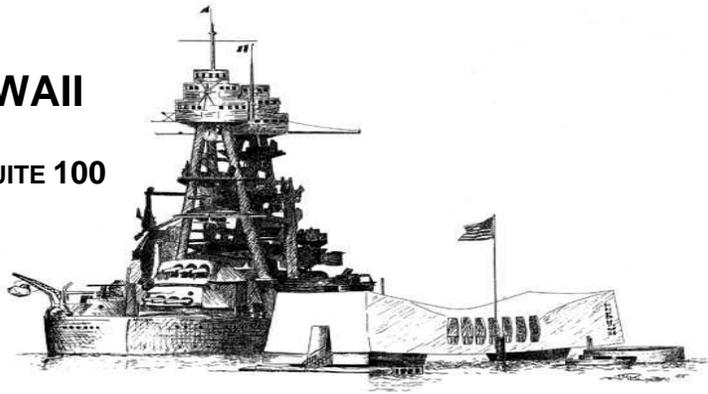


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## **USS Chafee to deploy with Nimitz Carrier Strike Group**

(PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII) -- The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer *USS Chafee* (DDG 90) will deploy on Wednesday, January 30, as part of the *USS Nimitz* (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group.

Nimitz CSG is deploying under the Navy's fleet response plan (FRP) and will operate in the Western Pacific in support of U.S. commitments in the region.

The FRP provides the United States with the ability to respond to any global commitment with flexible and sustainable forces and the ability to rapidly respond to a range of situations on short notice.

In September 2007, the Nimitz CSG, which included *USS Chafee*, returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf and the Western Pacific. During the deployment, the Nimitz CSG supported Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, conducted Maritime Security Operations, and participated in joint and coalition military exercises and operations with many countries.

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

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 Chief David Rush, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, by 3 pm Tuesday, January 29, at 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 12:00pm on Wednesday, January 30, to be escorted to the pier.*

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