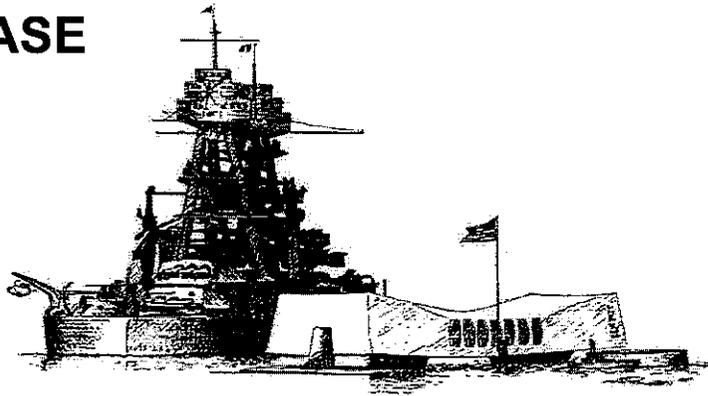


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**-- Photo Opportunity --  
Deputy Secretary of Defense to Present Medals  
To Pearl Harbor Sailors**

Today the Department of Defense announced the awarding of the National Defense Service Medal to service members on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. (Dept. of Defense press release attached as page 2.)

Tomorrow, the Deputy Secretary of Defense will take time during his visit to Pearl Harbor to present the medal to several crewmembers of the USS Russell. The ship returned less than two weeks ago from a 6-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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***MEDIA ADVISORY: Media representatives who are interested in covering this event should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 by 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 2nd to arrange an escort. Media will be met at Nimitz Gate / Pass & ID parking lot at 10:30 a.m. for transportation to USS Russell.***

***An online version of the Dept. of Defense press release can be found at [http://www.defenselink.mil/cgi-bin/dlprint.cgi?http://www.defenselink.mil/news/May2002/b05012002\\_bt224-02.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/cgi-bin/dlprint.cgi?http://www.defenselink.mil/news/May2002/b05012002_bt224-02.html)***

***Online information about the National Defense Service Medal can be found at <http://www-perscom.army.mil/tagd/tioh/Awards/NATIONAL%20DEFENSE%20SERVICE%20MEDAL1.htm>***