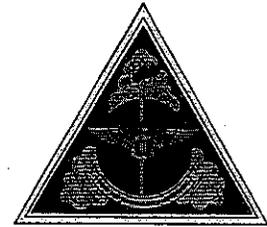
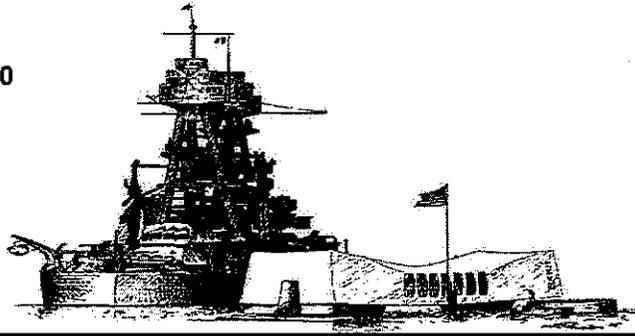


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Patrol Squadron Four (VP 4) Homecoming

An arrival ceremony for Patrol Squadron Four will be held Wednesday morning at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, at 9 a.m.

The arrival marks the completion of a 6-month deployment for the "Skinny Dragons" of VP-4, much of which was in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since deploying last December, the squadron logged more than 9000 flight hours in support of a variety of operational missions.

Commander Tyrone Payton commands patrol Squadron Nine, and is responsible for the more than 400 men and women in the squadron as well as the 10 airplanes they fly. The squadron is under the control of Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific, also based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. CPRFP is responsible for all combat-ready U.S. Naval Aviation Maritime Patrol (P-3) and Reconnaissance (EP-3) aircraft and personnel in the Pacific.

For more information about Patrol Squadron Four or Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific, check out the CPRFP and VP-9 websites at

<http://www.navy.mil/homepages/vp9/index.htm> or <http://www.cprfp.navy.mil>

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Media wishing to cover the arrival ceremony must contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 or 864-2452. Media must be at the main gate of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (off H-3) – Kaneohe Bay by 8:30 a.m. Wednesday to be escorted to the arrival.