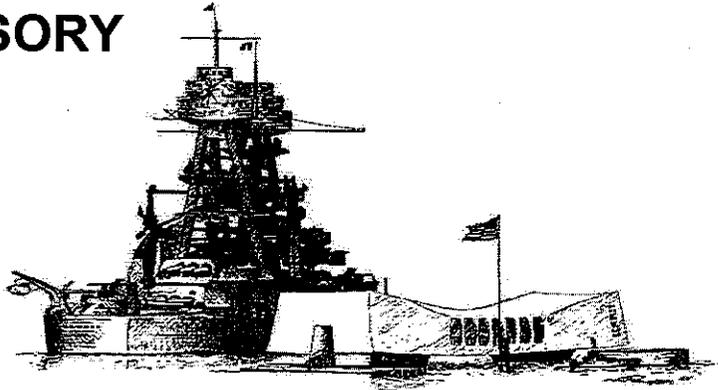


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MEDIA INVITED TO GET UNDERWAY WITH USS FREDERICK AS THE SHIP SHIFTS BERTHS IN PREPARATION OF DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

The USS Frederick (LST 1184) will get underway for one last transit in Pearl Harbor on Thursday, October 3 at 9 a.m. The ship will be shifting berths in preparation for the decommissioning ceremony scheduled for Saturday, October 5. Several members of the U.S. LST Association, including retired World War II veterans and former Frederick crewmembers will be embarked for the berth shift to participate in a flag raising ceremony.

USS Frederick is the last Newport Class LST (Tank Landing Ship) in the Navy and the only amphibious ship stationed in Pearl Harbor. Commissioned on April 11, 1970, the ship played an active role in the Vietnam Conflict and Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Tank Landing Ships played critical roles in many historic amphibious assaults such as Normandy and Inchon, and the decommissioning of USS Frederick marks the last of a unique warfighting platform. USS Frederick is scheduled to be sold to the Mexican Navy later this winter.

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Media representatives who are interested in getting underway with the USS Frederick for the berth shift should contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs at 473-2888 by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitor Pass Office parking lot Thursday, October 3 at 7:30 a.m. for transportation on base. Additional general and historical information about USS Frederick (LST 1184) is available on the website at www.frederick.navy.mil.

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