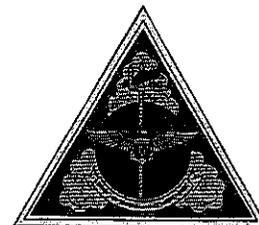
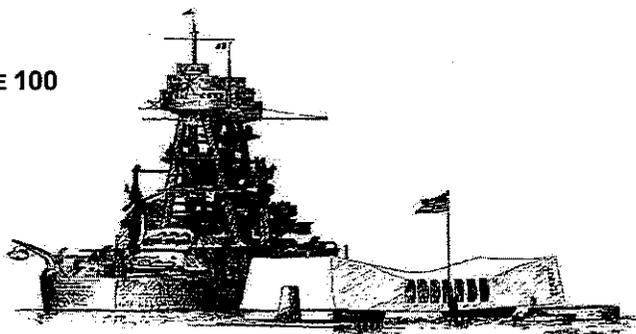


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Patrol Squadron Nine (VP 9) Deploys

Friday morning family and friends will say goodbye to the officers and Sailors of the Kaneohe-based Patrol Squadron Nine (VP 9). The men and women of the "Golden Eagles" and their P-3 Orion aircraft will begin a 6-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Commander B. A. Carpenter commands Patrol Squadron Nine, and is responsible for the more than 500 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 Nine, Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific, and the P-3 Orion aircraft check out the following websites:

<http://www.navy.mil/homepages/vp9/>

<http://www.cprfp.navy.mil/>

<http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/factfile/aircraft/air-p3.html>

Media representatives who wish to cover the squadron's deployment should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Officer at 864-2452 by 5:00 p.m., November 28 (Thanksgiving), to arrange for an escort. Media must be at the main gate of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (off H-3) – Kaneohe Bay by 7:45 a.m. Friday to be escorted to the departure.

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