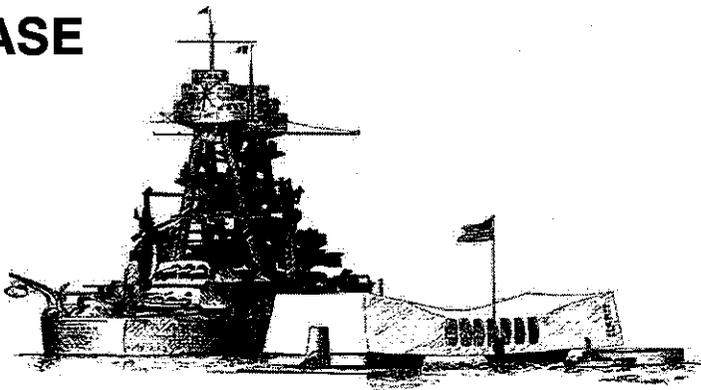


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USS CHOSIN DEPLOYS

PEARL HARBOR – Family and friends will say goodbye to the more than 350 officers and Sailors of the Pearl Harbor based guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), as they depart on Saturday.

Chosin joins the more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors assigned to the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Carrier Battle Group, led by Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Five, Rear Adm. Samuel J. Locklear, III, in support of the global war on terrorism. The aircraft carrier left its San Diego homeport on March 1st and arrived Pearl Harbor on Monday for a liberty port visit.

Commanded by Captain Richard J. Nolan, Chosin is 567 feet long, 55 feet wide and displaces nearly 9,600 tons when fully loaded. The ship is powered by gas turbine engines, similar to the type used in jet aircraft and is capable of speeds over 30 knots. The Aegis Combat System, which distinguishes Chosin and her sister Aegis cruisers as the U.S. Navy's most capable battle group surface combatants, is the heart of her warfighting capability.

Chosin was built at a cost of \$900 million at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi and is the 19th cruiser of her class. Chosin was commissioned on Jan. 12 prior to her homecoming to Pearl Harbor on Feb. 14, 1991.

The first ship to be named after a Korean War battle, the USS Chosin is dedicated to the heroic efforts of the men who took part in the battle of the Chosin Reservoir, which took place between November 27 and December 10, 1950.

For more information about USS Chosin, visit <http://www.chosin.navy.mil>. For more information about the Navy in Hawaii, visit <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>.

Media representatives who would like to cover the ship's departure must contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, 473-2888 by 4 p.m. March 14 to arrange for an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking lot at 9 a.m. for transportation to the pier.

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