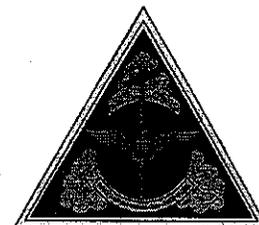
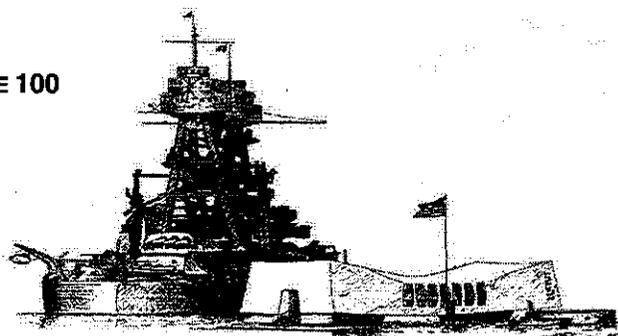


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Patrol Squadron Nine (VP 9) Returns from Deployment

Over 300 crewmembers of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP 9) will return home tomorrow morning at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, after a successful six-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Commander Dan Rieck 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 "Golden Eagles," and their P-3 Orion aircraft began arriving earlier this week with the majority of the crew returning tomorrow.

The squadron is under the control of Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific, also based at Kaneohe. Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific 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 please visit 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 homecoming should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Officer at 864-2452 to arrange for an escort. Media must be at the main gate of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (off H-3) – Kaneohe Bay by 8 a.m. Saturday to be escorted to the hangar.

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