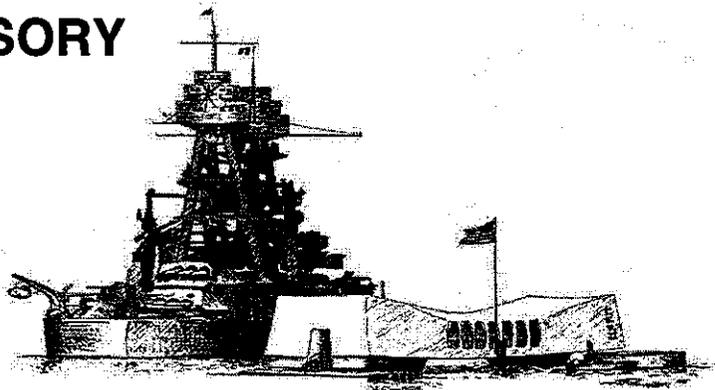


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Ex-USS Frederick (LST 1184) visits Pearl Harbor ARM Usumacinta (A 412) arrives tomorrow

PEARL HARBOR – ARM Usumacinta (A 412) will arrive in Pearl Harbor tomorrow, July 23, at 9 a.m. for a 10-day port visit. The ex-USS Frederick (LST 1184) was a Pearl Harbor based ship, before it was decommissioned on October 5, 2002.

Capt. Elliot Powell, U.S. Navy International Programs Officer and Rear Adm. Juan Morales, Mexican Naval Attache, signed a certificate of delivery aboard Frederick during a transfer ceremony of the tank landing ship to Mexico in December 2002. ARM Usumacinta is named after a river in Mexico.

The Navy decommissioned USS Frederick, the sixth of 20 Newport-class tank landing ships, after 33 years of distinguished naval service. Frederick was the naval reserve force's only amphibious ship and was also the last remaining tank landing ship to serve in the active naval fleet.

The primary purpose of Usumacinta's visit is to retrieve machinery parts from the several decommissioned tank landing ships maintained in the Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility, Pearl Harbor.

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Media representatives who would like to cover the ship's arrival please contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, 473-2888 by 7 a.m, July 23.