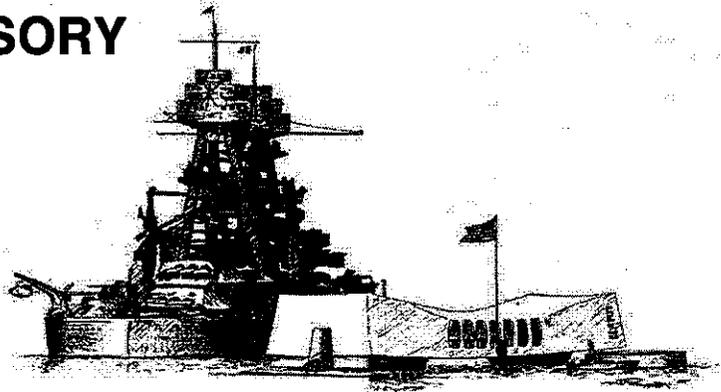


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Australian ship HMAS Warramunga makes Pearl Harbor port visit

Pearl Harbor- The Australian frigate HMAS Warramunga (FFH 152) will be pulling into Pearl Harbor on Friday, Aug. 29th for a six-day port visit. An ANZAC class frigate, the ship is commanded by Commander John Vandyke and has a crew of 173 officers and sailors.

Commissioned in 2001, FFH 152 is the second ship to bear the name Warramunga and the fifth ANZAC Class Frigate. The name is derived from the Warramunga (also spelled Warumungu) Aboriginal people from the Tennant Creek area, Northern Territory. The original HMAS Warramunga was an Australian Tribal Class Destroyer that saw extensive service in the Pacific campaign of World War II and the Korean War. Of note, the ship was present in Tokyo Bay with the Battleship Missouri to witness the Japanese surrender. Subsequently, HMAS Warramunga became known as "Little Mo." The ship's motto, *Courage in Difficulties*, honors the Warumungu tribe's life of courage in their harsh environment as well as the Second World War Tribal Class Destroyer.

HMAS Warramunga will also be making a 3-day port visit in Nawiliwili, Kauai.

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HMAS WARRAMUNGA

Commanding Officer	-	Commander John Vandyke
Type of ship	-	ANZAC Class Frigate (FFH)
Commissioned	-	31 March 2001
Crew	-	173 Officers and Sailors
Armament	-	One 5" Mark 45 rapid fire gun
	-	Mk 46 anti-submarine torpedoes
	-	Evolved Sea Sparrow Missiles
	-	Nulka active missile decoy
	-	Nixie towed anti-submarine decoy
	-	'Chaff' anti missile launchers
	-	One ASW Helicopter fitted with Penguin missiles
Propulsion	-	Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG) to 27 knots
Range	-	6,000 nautical miles
Dimensions	-	length 118 metres, beam 14.8 metres
Displacement	-	3,800 tonnes

HISTORY

HMAS WARRAMUNGA is named after the Aboriginal Waramungu tribe from near Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory and is the second ship to bear that name. The first WARRAMUNGA was a tribal class destroyer, which served with distinction from 1942 to 1959 and saw extensive service in the Pacific campaign of World War II and the Korean War.

The present ship, whose design is based upon the German MEKO 200 Frigate, was laid down in July 1997. She is the fifth vessel of a planned class of eight, two further ships having been made for the Royal New Zealand Navy.

WARRAMUNGA is fitted with advanced air surveillance radars, hull mounted sonar and electronic support systems, which interface with a state-of-the-art combat data system. She is the first of her class to have been fitted with the Evolved Sea Sparrow point defense missile.

The ship is currently home ported in HMAS STIRLING, Perth, WA and since commissioning has taken part in many international naval operations and exercises, including border protection duties in the Indian Ocean.

Since her return to Australia in March 2003, she has been undergoing routine maintenance and refit in Western Australia in anticipation of further deployment later this year.

WARRAMUNGA currently holds the Royal Australian Navy Supply Excellence Award, the highest fleet award for supply proficiency and the RAN Silver Platter for outstanding standards of food service.

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