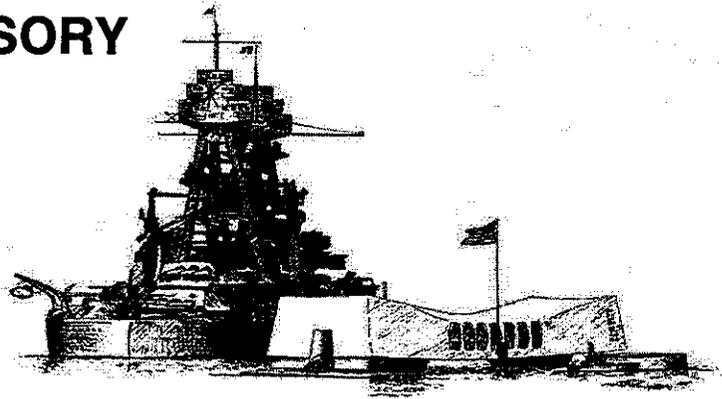


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## **Expeditionary Strike Group Ships to depart Wednesday**

Expeditionary Strike Group ONE (ESG-1) will depart Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> to avoid any weather associated with Hurricane Jimena. Five Navy ships with more than 5,000 sailors and Marines arrived in Pearl Harbor Friday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. The ships include USS Peleliu (LHA 5), USS Germantown (LSD 42), USS Ogden (LPD 5), USS Decatur (DDG 73), and USS Jarrett (FFG 33). The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) is the Marine Corps element of ESG-1.

The Pearl Harbor based guided missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) and the attack submarine USS Greenville (SSN 772) will deploy on Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> with ESG-1. The San Diego based ships deployed on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Media are invited to cover the USS Port Royal's departure or get underway on the USS Peleliu for a daylight embark. Media interested in embarking the USS Peleliu will be met at the Nimitz Gate Pass and ID parking lot at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Media interested in covering the USS Port Royal's departure will be met at the Nimitz Gate Pass and ID parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the inability of one crew to cover both events, b-roll and still imagery from each opportunity will be available.

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*Media representatives who would like to cover either opportunity please contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, 473-2888 by 5:00 p.m. on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*