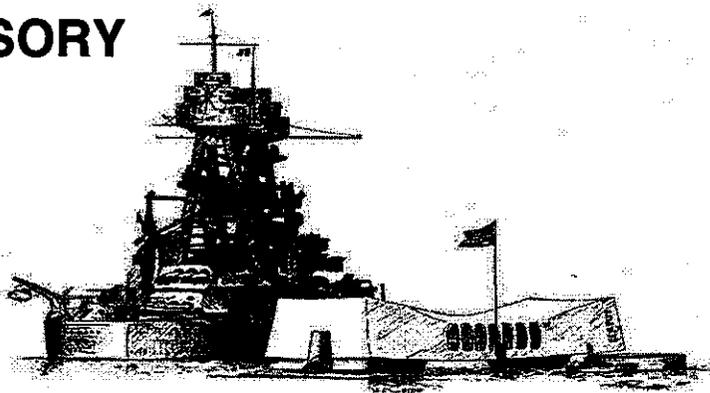


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USS CHOSIN (CG 65) AND HSL-37 EASYRIDERS DETACHMENT 6 RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT WITH USS NIMITZ

PEARL HARBOR— More than 350 officers and Sailors of the Pearl Harbor based guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Squadron (HSL-37) Easyriders Detachment 6 will be returning home from a seven-month Western Pacific deployment on Sunday, November 2nd.

USS Chosin and HSL-37 Easyriders Detachment 6 deployed on March 15, 2003 with 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, they deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism.

Flying the SH-60B Seahawks in high threat areas, the Easyrider's primary mission was to assist in deterring terrorist activities against Navy ships and tankers. Led by Lt. Cmdr. Randy Biggs, the Easyriders experienced action in Umm Qasr, Iraq's southern most shipping port in the Northern Arabian Sea. HSL-37 is stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay and is the only US Navy helicopter squadron permanently based in Hawai'i.

USS Chosin is 567 feet long, 55 feet wide and displaces nearly 9,600 tons when fully loaded. Commanded by Captain Richard J. Nolan, Chosin was built at a cost of \$900 million at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi and was commissioned on January 12, 1991. The first ship to be named after a Korean War battle, the USS Chosin is dedicated to the heroic men who fought in the battle of the Chosin Reservoir from November 27, 1950 to December 10, 1950.

For more information about USS Chosin, visit <http://www.chosin.navy.mil>.

For more information about HSL-37, visit <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/hsl37>.

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Media representatives who would like to cover the HSL-37 and USS Chosin homecoming must contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 330-8848 by 4 p.m. on November 1st to arrange for an escort. Media representatives who are interested in covering the HSL-37 homecoming will be met at the MCBH Visitors Pass Office at 7:15 a.m. on November 2nd. Media representatives who are interested in covering the USS Chosin homecoming will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for transportation to the pier. Transportation from MCBH to Pearl Harbor can be arranged for media representatives who are interested in covering both homecomings.

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