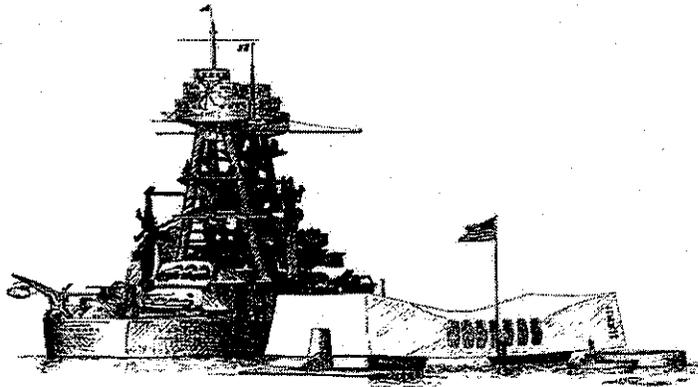


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USS Chung-Hoon departs for Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR - The Navy's newest and most advanced ship, the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) will depart San Diego on Aug. 31 for its final journey to Pearl Harbor. Chung-Hoon is scheduled to arrive on Sept. 10 and be formally brought into naval service at a commissioning ceremony on Sept. 18.

Chung-Hoon, named in honor of Rear Adm. Gordon Paie'a Chung-Hoon, is commanded by Cmdr. Kenny Williams, and has a crew of 32 officers and 348 enlisted personnel.

Chung-Hoon was christened in Pascagoula, Mississippi on Jan. 11, 2003 by Michelle Punana Chung-Hoon, niece of the ship's namesake. Chung-Hoon is equipped with the Navy's Aegis combat weapons system which combines space-age communication, radar and weapons technologies in a single platform.

B-roll of the ship while at sea was provided to TV news stations last week.

For more information about USS Chung-Hoon, visit <http://www.chung-hoon.navy.mil>.
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