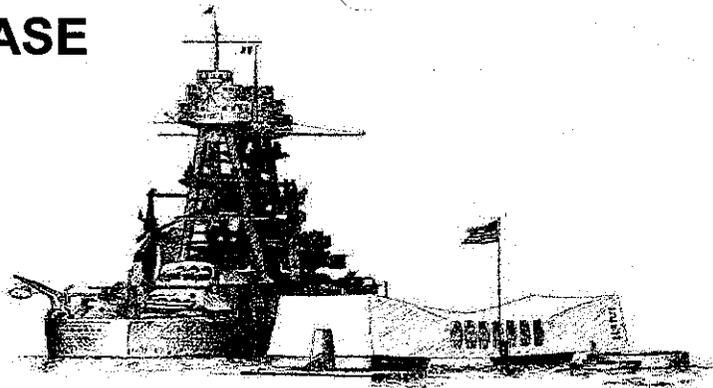


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USS Russell deploys for CARAT 2004

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) and her crew of more than 330 Sailors deploy to the Western Pacific Tuesday, May 11 at 10 a.m. to participate in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise or CARAT 2004. Media are invited to cover the ship's departure.

Commanded by Cmdr. W.A. Kearns, Russell was the first Pearl Harbor ship to deploy after the attacks of September 11th -- deploying on October 25 to enforce United Nations sanctions against Iraq in the Arabian Sea.

Russell was commissioned on May 20, 1995 and is 505 feet long, 66 feet wide and displaces nearly 9,000 tons when fully loaded. The ship is equipped to carry Tomahawk Land-Attack cruise missiles and standard surface-to-air missiles; two, fully automated radar controlled Phalanx close-in weapons systems, Harpoon anti-ship cruise missiles, two five-inch guns as well as powerful command-in-control and electronic warfare systems.

USS Russell honors a father and son for nearly 90 years of service to the Navy and Marine Corps. Rear Adm. John Russell was commended for his heroics and courage as a young Navy lieutenant during the Civil War commanding gunboats in the battles for Pensacola, Houston, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg. His son, Marine Corps Major Gen. John Russell earned

the Navy Cross and saw action in the Spanish-American War, Haiti, China and World War I before ending his career as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He is often credited with developing the fleet marine force tactics that would later prove decisive in World War II.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Media representatives interested in covering the Russell's departure should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 by 4 p.m. Monday, May 10 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking lot at 9:30a.m. for transportation to the pier. Additional information about USS Russell is available on the ship's website www.russell.navy.mil or on the Navy website www.navy.mil.