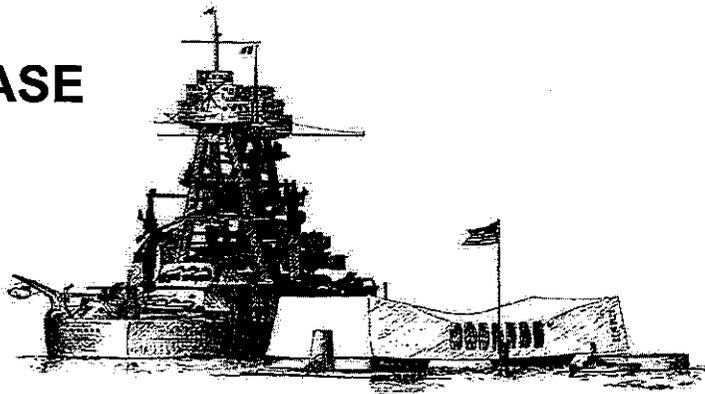


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## ***USS CROMMELIN (FFG37) DEPLOYS***

PEARL HARBOR – Family and friends will say goodbye to the more than 200 officers and Sailors of the Pearl Harbor based guided missile frigate, USS Crommelin (FFG 37), which deploys tomorrow in support of our nation's continuing war on drugs.

Under the command of Cmdr. Bruce Stewart, USS Crommelin is one of two Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigates based in Pearl Harbor.

A detachment of two SH-60B helicopters from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Thirty-Seven (HSL-37) will be embarked on USS Crommelin. Lt. Cmdr. James Taylor is the officer in charge of the detachment and the two helicopters and the 22 officers and Sailors assigned.

Commissioned in June 1983, USS Crommelin was originally home ported in Long Beach, California. In September 1991 the ship shifted homeports to Pearl Harbor. The ship is named after the Crommelin brothers who were distinguished Naval Aviators during World War II.

As USS Crommelin deploys, the Department of Defense is spotlighting the military's role in counter drug operations with the annual Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is held annually to spotlight efforts to keep America drug free. The week is an outgrowth of a tribute to the kidnapping and murder of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique Camarena in 1985. In 1990, the Defense Department joined the observance and began a yearly award to recognize outstanding anti-drug programs developed by the services, the National Guard and the defense agencies.

For more information about USS Crommelin, visit <http://www.Crommelin.navy.mil>. For more information about the Navy in Hawaii, visit <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>.

***Media representatives who wish to cover the ship's departure should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, 473-2888 6:00 p.m., October 21, to arrange for an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking lot at 9 a.m. for transportation to the pier.***