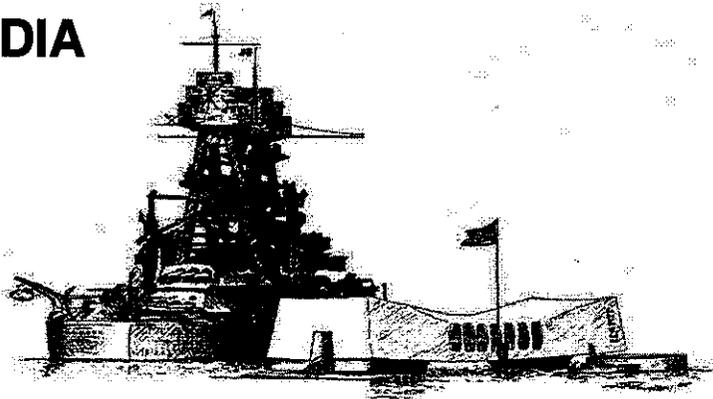


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RUSSIAN SHIPS MARSHAL SHAPOSHNIKOV & PECHENGA VISIT PEARL HARBOR

PEARL HARBOR – Udaloy Class destroyer *Marshal Shaposhnikov* and Dubna Class Light Oiler *Pechenga* will arrive in Pearl Harbor on Friday, October 24th at 8 a.m. for a 5-day port visit.

Vice Admiral Victor Mardusin, First Deputy Commander of the Russian Pacific Fleet and commanding Admiral of the group is embarked on *Marshal Shaposhnikov*. With a crew of approximately three hundred Sailors, *Marshal Shaposhnikov* is commanded by Captain Andrey Nelidin. Fleet oiler *Pechenga* has a crew of 58 merchant mariners and is commanded by Master Mikhailovich Shilyaev.

The Russian Federation Navy last visited Pearl Harbor in 1995 while participating in the combined maritime disaster relief exercise, Cooperation From the Sea. This is a friendship visit, reciprocating a recent port call to Vladivostok, Russia made by San Diego-based guided missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) and 7th fleet-based dock landing ship, USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43).

Media representatives who would like to cover the ship's arrival must contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, 473-2888 by 4 p.m. October 23rd to arrange for an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking lot at 7:15 a.m. on October 24th for transportation to the pier.

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