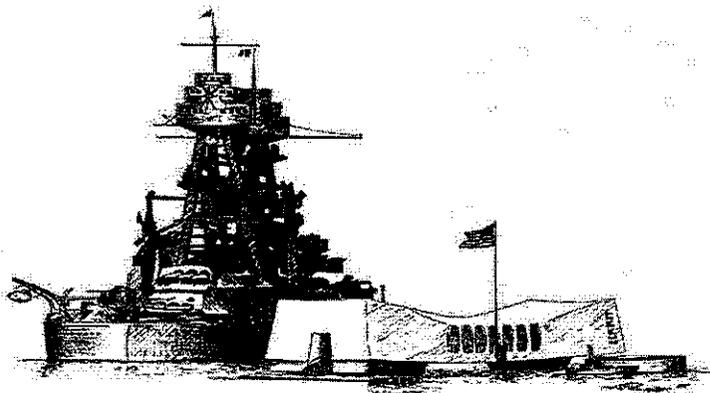


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Secretary of the Navy to visit Hawai'i

Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England will arrive in Honolulu this evening following a trip to the Asia-Pacific Region that included visits to Japan, Singapore and Guam.

On Friday Feb. 27 he will visit Sailors and Marines at Pearl Harbor and at Kaneohe Bay and conduct meetings with Navy and Marine Corps leadership.

England will conduct a media availability following his visit to the USS Peleliu (LHA 5), which arrives in Pearl Harbor Friday morning following its first deployment as the flagship for Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 1.

Media wishing to cover this event should confirm their attendance with Navy Region Public Affairs by contacting Chief Tim Paynter at 473-3788. Media will meet public affairs staff at the pass and I.D. parking lot at Naval Station Pearl Harbor no later than 11:15 a.m.

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