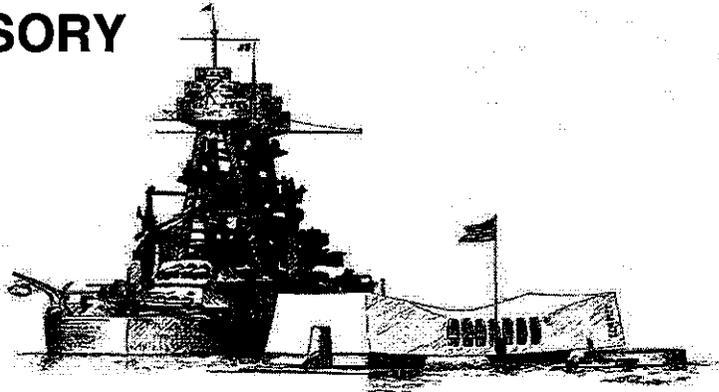


NAVY MEDIA ADVISORY

NAVY REGION HAWAII
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
850 TICONDEROGA ST., SUITE 110
PEARL HARBOR, HI 96860

Tel: (808) 473-2888
Fax: (808) 473-2876
www.hawaii.navy.mil



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 7, 2004

POC: Lt.j.g. Erin Bailey

RELEASE #016-04

Navy to conclude operations on Kaho'olawe

Friday, April 9, marks the final day of Parsons/UXB Joint Venture operations on Kaho'olawe. The Navy contracted Parsons/UXB in 1997 to clear and remove unexploded ordnance from areas of the island according to a priority list developed by the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, Commander Navy Region Hawaii, will visit the island Friday to meet with contractors and view the final demobilization efforts. KIRC staff will be on hand to observe and oversee the completion of the demobilization efforts.

A very limited number of seats are available for members of the news media to travel to Kaho'olawe with Adm. McCullough. Round trip transportation to Kaho'olawe will be provided from Maui. News media must make their own travel arrangements to Maui.

Due to space limitations, video and still photo coverage must be pooled. The Navy Region Hawaii public affairs office will reserve one seat each for a pool videographer and pool photographer. All other seats will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

News media interested in covering this event should contact Lt. j.g. Erin Bailey as soon as possible at (808) 473-2888.

-USN-