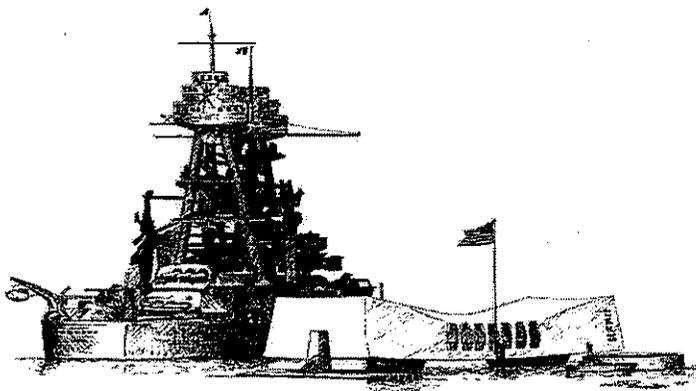


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## ***THREE JAPANESE NAVAL SHIPS TO VISIT PEARL HARBOR***

PEARL HARBOR - The Japan Training Squadron will arrive in Pearl Harbor tomorrow morning for a brief port visit before heading to San Diego on May 7.

The participating ships are Kashima (TV 3508), a Kashima-class training ship, Hamagiri (DD 155), and Umigiri (DD 158), both Asagiri-class destroyers. Rear Adm. Yukinori Togo, Commander, Japan Training Squadron, will be the senior representative of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, and will be accompanied by 170 newly commissioned officers of Kashima.

While in Hawaii, the squadron plans to lay wreaths at the Arizona Memorial, the Makiki Japanese Naval Graveyard, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and the Ehime Maru Memorial. The Japan Training Squadron Band will also hold a special performance at the Ala Moana Shopping Center on May 5 at 12 noon.

The purpose of this training cruise is to develop Japan's forthcoming leaders' seamanship and leadership skills as well as to broaden the mutual understanding and friendship between the U.S. and Japan.

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***Media representatives who wish to cover the Japan Training Squadron's arrival tomorrow, May 4, should contact the Navy Region Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 by 4 p.m. today, May 3, to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking lot at 8:45 a.m. A formal ceremony will be held to welcome the Squadron immediately following the arrivals.***