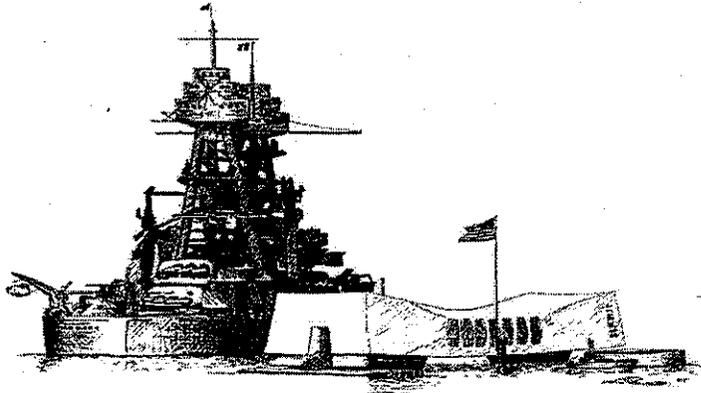


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## **Navy's newest ship to arrive in Pearl Harbor**

PEARL HARBOR - The Navy's newest and most advanced ship, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), arrives in Pearl Harbor at 9 a.m., Friday, Sept. 10.

The ship will be escorted into the harbor by a canoe regatta and tugboat water canons; and greeted at the pier by family members, hula dancers and the Pacific Fleet Band.

After the arrival, many of the ship's 32 officers and 348 Sailors will reunite with their family members and begin settling into their homes in the Pearl Harbor area. Of the 95 Chung-Hoon families, 65 have moved to Hawaii.

Commanded by Cmdr. Kenny Williams of Darmstadt, Indiana, the crew will immediately begin preparations for its commissioning ceremony, where the new \$1 billion destroyer will be formally brought into naval service on Sept. 18.

The ship is named in honor of Rear Adm. Gordon Paie'a Chung-Hoon (1910-1979), who was of Chinese and Hawaiian ancestry, born and raised in Hawaii, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, and awarded the Navy Cross and the Silver Star for gallantry as commanding officer of USS Sigsbee during the Battle of Okinawa. Chung-Hoon was previously attached to USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. After retiring from the Navy in October 1959, he was appointed by Hawaii Governor William F. Quinn to serve as Director, Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

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The 9,300-ton Chung-Hoon is 509.5 feet long, has a waterline beam of 59 feet, an overall beam of 66.5 feet, and a navigational draft of 31.9 feet. Four gas turbine propulsion plants power the ship to speeds in excess of 30 knots. This multi-mission ship has capabilities in cooperative engagement and is able to fight air, surface, and subsurface battles simultaneously.

Chung-Hoon joins 11 other surface ships and 15,000 other Sailors who are currently stationed in Hawaii.

Chung-Hoon is the third ship in U.S. Naval history to be commissioned in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor-based ships USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) was commissioned here on July 24, 1993; and USS O'KANE (DDG 77) on Oct. 23, 1999. Commissioning ceremonies are sponsored and organized by members of Hawaii's community and the Honolulu Council Navy League. Chung-Hoon's arrival and commissioning ceremony are by invitation only and not open to the public.

For more information about USS Chung-Hoon, visit the following website:

<http://www.chung-hoon.navy.mil>

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***Media desiring to cover Chung-Hoon's arrival must contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 864-2453 or 473-2888 by 3 p.m. on Sept. 9 to arrange base access.***