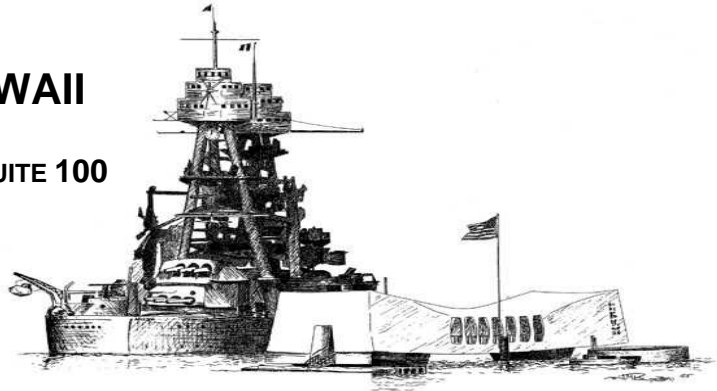


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Navy Region Hawaii Responding to Tsunami Warning *Pearl Harbor-based Navy ships to get underway*

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII – Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific has ordered four ships based at Pearl Harbor to get underway as a precautionary measure. To avoid potential damage to ships and piers from anticipated high tidal surges from a tsunami, the Navy will sortie USS Crommelin (FFG37), USS Okane (DDG 77), USS Chafee (DDG-90), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

The Ford Island bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic at 11:15 a.m. as a precautionary measure. The Navy has not issued a mandatory evacuation for residents on Ford Island; however, residents are urged to stay away from the shoreline.

The Navy has evacuated the following locations: Hospital Point housing, Iroquois Lagoon, White Plains and Nimitz Beaches, and Rainbow Bay Marina. The Navy's Fleet and Family Support Center has activated a family assistance center to help military families affected by the evacuation. The center may be reached at (808) 474-1999.

Navy families and personnel with cable access to Joint Base TV Channel 2 should tune in for base information. Updated information will be posted on Facebook at Navy Region Hawaii's website, www.cnmc.navy.mil/hawaii.

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