

# RIMPAC 2004



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## Media Invited to Cover Rim of the Pacific 2004 Events

The following media opportunities are available for coverage of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2004, the region's largest international maritime exercise, taking place through July 27 in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands.

### Multinational Sporting Events around the Island

There are a wide variety of sporting events and activities taking place on Pearl Harbor allowing Sailors from participating countries an opportunity to develop international camaraderie through friendly competition. On **Friday, July 2**, there is a volleyball tournament and a battle of the bands. On **Saturday, July 3**, there will be a RIMPAC Skateboard contest and on **Monday, July 5** there will be a basketball tournament. All sporting events will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

### Fourth of July Festivities

On July 4, we invite you to come out and cover the multinational **4<sup>th</sup> of July block party** taking place on Bravo Pier beginning at 2 p.m. Comedian Jay Mohr will perform at 8 p.m. and fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m.

### Embark USS John C. Stennis, stay overnight and fly back to Oahu

On **Tuesday, July 6**, media are invited to walk aboard and stay overnight on U.S. Aircraft Carrier John C. Stennis. Media will walk aboard the carrier prior to getting underway. Media will then have an opportunity to meet and interview Stennis' commanding officer and the admiral in charge of the carrier strike group, which is also participating in Summer Pulse '04, which demonstrates the Navy's ability to surges forces around the globe, with seven carrier strike groups deployed simultaneously. Media will be given a tour and allowed to obtain images of the flight deck, Combat Direction Center and other operational spaces. On **Wednesday, July 7**, media will have the rare opportunity to be launched off the flight deck on a C-2 Greyhound aircraft for the return to Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu.

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## Tour U.S. P-3C Orion aircraft

On **Wednesday, July 7**, media will have an opportunity to tour a P-3C Orion, and look at aircraft from other countries, and speak with members of VP-4. The P-3C Orion is designed primarily as an anti-submarine warfare platform and performs Over-the-Horizon surveillance and targeting, maritime patrol, carrier battle group support, interdiction operations, and littoral warfare.

**Media interested in participating in any of the above events are asked to call the RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau 619-726-9945 as soon as possible to RSVP.**

