

RIMPAC 2004

 MEDIA ADVISORY



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Media Invited to Cover Rim of the Pacific 2004 Events

The following media opportunity is 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.

*****Tomorrow July 6*****

Embark USS John C. Stennis (CV 74), stay overnight and fly back to Pearl Harbor

On **Tuesday, July 6**, media are invited to spend the night aboard U.S. Aircraft Carrier John C. Stennis. Media will walk aboard the carrier prior to the ship 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.

Summer Pulse '04 demonstrates the Navy's ability to surge its 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. Media will also have the opportunity to interview Sailors serving aboard the carrier.

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 trip to Hawaii. Approximate arrival time in Hawaii is 5 p.m.

Media interested in participating in the above event are requested to call the RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau (CIB) at 619-726-9945 as soon as possible to RSVP. Please provide names and social security numbers of reps to the CIB as soon as possible. Media must arrive at the CIB located at 530 Peltier Ave, at 3 p.m. to receive press credentials.