

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.

Tour U.S. P-3C Orion aircraft

On Friday, July 9, media will have an opportunity to photograph P-3C aircraft at Kaneohe Bay from RIMPAC participating nations on display. Media will be allowed to tour a P-3C Orion, and speak with members of VP-4.

There are a total of 21 P-3C Orions from participating nations in RIMPAC 2004. The U.S. has six planes, the U.K. has two planes, South Korea has one plane, Australia has two planes, Canada has two planes and Japan has eight planes.

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 or all of the above events are requested to call the RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau 808-726-9945 as soon as possible to RSVP.