

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.

USS John C. Stennis Daylight Embark

Media are invited to participate in a daylight embark aboard the U.S. Aircraft Carrier John C. Stennis Sunday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m. Media will fly out to the carrier on a C-2 Greyhound aircraft for a once in a life time carrier deck landing. Media will then have an opportunity to meet and interview Stennis' commanding officer and the admiral in charge of the carrier strike group. Media will be given a tour and allowed to obtain images of the flight deck, Combat Direction Center and other operational spaces. At the end of the day media will be launched off the flight deck for the return trip to Hawaii. All media will meet at the RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau at 9 a.m. for this embark.

Embark USS Tarawa via Helicopter and ride in to Pearl Harbor

Monday, June 28, media are invited to fly to the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa via helicopter where they will be allowed to take aerial photographs/Video. Then media will have the opportunity to interview the Tarawa commanding officer followed by a three helicopter fly-off and hovercraft operations from the flooded well deck. You will have an opportunity to interview Tarawa Marines and Sailors during the transit into Pearl Harbor. Media will meet at the CIB at 5 a.m. and the event will end at approximately 10 a.m.

RIMPAC Kickoff Press Conference

International naval flag officers participating in the exercise will conduct a kickoff press conference on Tuesday, June 29. Vice Adm. Michael McCabe, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet, is responsible for overall exercise coordination, and will be joined at the press conference by international leadership from other participating nations. The press conference will be hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet, and will be connected via video teleconference to the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. Media are asked to arrive at the RIMPAC CIB NLT 7:30 a.m. for this event.