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MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES FOR MULTI-NATIONAL PACIFIC EXERCISE RIMPAC 2004

SAN DIEGO — Seven nations will participate in the Pacific regions largest international maritime exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2004, scheduled June 29 through July 27 in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands. There are numerous opportunities for reporters and photographers to cover the exercise, ships, aircraft, Sailors, and Marines.

Media Opportunities include:

- Fly-out to the amphibious warship, USS Tarawa from Hickham AFB on the morning of 28 June and ride Tarawa into Pearl Harbor.
- RIMPAC Kick-off Press Briefing and exercise overview 29 June by VADM McCabe, Commander Third Fleet and Commodore Roger Girouard, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific. Girouard will be Commander of the Multi-national Force comprised of ships from Canada, the United States, Australia, Chile and Republic of Korea. The Press Briefing will be video teleconferenced to Navy Region South West in San Diego, Calif. and the Navy Chief of Information, Washington D.C.
- Press tour of a U.S. Guided Missile Cruiser 29 June while in port Pearl Harbor.
- International Sporting Events - While in port, military teams from the eight nations participating in RIMPAC will get together for a little team building and camaraderie through various sporting events including: soccer, softball, volleyball, skateboarding, surfing, and basketball.
- Fly-out to the High Speed Vessel (HSV-2) "Swift" for daylight embark. Swift is 321-foot, catamaran hull, high-speed vessel that has a top speed of over 50 knots.
- Media tour of international sub-hunting P-3C Orion aircraft participating in RIMPAC.
- Embark at sea with the 3rd Marine Regiment as they conduct an Amphibious assault or observe the amphibious assault from the beach as the assault vehicles come ashore.

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Editors and News Directors: Please return this form by fax to 619-524-9543 no later than 21 June for correspondent accreditation.

To: RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau

From: _____ (Media Outlet)

Subject: REPORTER / PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEO JOURNALIST ACCREDITATION

1. This letter certifies that the following reporter/photographer/video journalist will be representing the above listed media outlet in order to cover RIMPAC 2004.

Reporter's Name: _____

Reporter's Phone #: _____

Reporter's Cell #: _____

Reporter's Email: _____

2. The assignment editor listed below will be contacted by a member of the RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau to verify the above information.

Assignment Editor's Name: _____

Assignment Editor's Signature: _____

Phone #: _____

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