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Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group to Deploy

NORFOLK, Va. — The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (IKECSG), with nearly 4,500 Sailors, is scheduled to deploy from Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Station Mayport, Fla., Feb. 21, to support operations in the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleets.

Commanded by Rear Adm. Michael Manazir, IKECSG is comprised of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 8, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, embarked Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 28, German Frigate FGS Hamburg (F220) and USS Hue City (CG 66). Aircraft squadrons of CVW-7 include strike fighter squadrons VFA-143 "Pukin Dogs," VFA-131 "Wildcats," VFA-83 "Rampagers" and VFA-103 "Jolly Rogers," tactical electronics warfare squadron VAQ-140 "Patriots," carrier airborne early warning squadron VAW-121 "Bluetails," Fleet Logistics Support Squadron VRC-40 "Rawhides" and helicopter anti-submarine squadron HS-5 "Nightdippers."

IKECSG will work with allied and partner maritime forces, focusing heavily on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

For more information regarding IKECSG's deployment, log onto www.navy.mil/local/cvn69

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NOTE:

1) Media wishing to participate in an availability with IKECSG commander and cover Eisenhower's departure from Naval Station Norfolk should contact U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs at (757) 836-8390 no later than 3 p.m. Feb. 20. Advance notification is required for access to the Naval Station.

2) Media wishing to cover the departure of USS Hue City at Naval Station Mayport should contact Naval Station Mayport Public Affairs at (904) 270-5226 ext. 1013 or (904) 219-4397, no later than 3 p.m. Feb. 20. Advance notification is required for access to the Naval Station.