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## **IKE, and Hue City to Return from Deployment**

NORFOLK, Va. — More than 4,300 Sailors serving in the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (IKECSG) are scheduled to arrive at their homeports in Norfolk and Mayport, Fla. Dec. 19, following six months of operations in the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet areas of responsibility.

USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), with embarked squadrons of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, will arrive in Naval Station Norfolk, and the guided-missile cruiser USS Hue City (CG 66) will arrive in Naval Station Mayport.

Both ships are returning early from a previously scheduled nine-month deployment in order to make preparations to deploy in late February for additional operations in the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility.

While deployed, Eisenhower and Hue City conducted maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts, and missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

IKECSG ships USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109), USS Farragut (DDG 99) and USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) have remained on station in the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility and are scheduled to return in March 2013.

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**NOTES: The homecoming of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) will be streamed live online. Media wishing to link to the live stream can do so at <http://www.livestream.com/usnavy>. Advance notification is required for access to the Naval Stations to cover these events.**

**Media wishing to cover Eisenhower's arrival to Naval Station Norfolk should contact U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs (757) 836-8390 no later than 3 p.m. Dec. 18.**

**Media wishing to cover the arrival of USS Hue City at Naval Station Mayport should contact Naval Station Mayport Public Affairs at (904) 635-6599 no later than 3 p.m. Dec. 18.**