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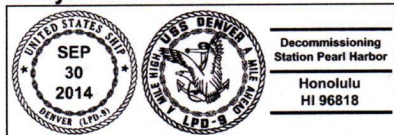
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USS Denver pictorial postmark delayed in Honolulu



In a note from Mrs. Becky L. Kaiwi, Retail Manager at the Honolulu HI post office, they have begun servicing covers late due to lack of personnel. But when they opened the new pictorial for the USS DENVER LPD-9 Decommissioning there was a problem with the postmark. The resin used to make it appears to have been faulty. A new postmark has been ordered from the manufacturer and when it is available covers on hand will be serviced and returned.

Coast Guard cutter moving from San Diego to Honolulu

From Thegardenstandard.com

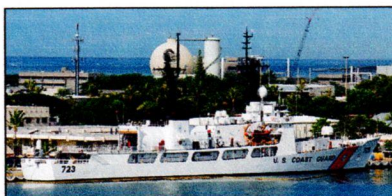
Posted: Friday, January 16, 2015 12:25 pm



USCGC SHERMAN WHEC-720

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Coast Guard cutter *Sherman* is heading from San Diego to its new homeport at Honolulu. The *Sherman*, which departed Friday, will take over duties of the cutter *Rush*, which is scheduled to be decommissioned next month after 46 years in service. The Coast Guard says the *Rush* and other Hamilton-class cutters are being replaced by Legend-class cutters that are better equipped,

more durable and efficient. The *Sherman* had moved from Alameda, California, to San Diego in May 2011 when the cutters *Chase* and *Hamilton* were retired.



USCGC RUSH WHEC-723

USCGC RUSH WHEC-723 Decommissioning Announced

Coast Guard Retiree Council NW

From: "Gesele, Michael R CDR"
Subject: CGC RUSH
DECOMMISSIONING
CEREMONY - CONFIRMED
DATE

Date: 14 December 2014 at 10:18:31 PM PST

Ladies and Gentlemen,
PACAREA has confirmed the date of the decommissioning ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 03 February, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Unless there is exceptional circumstances, this date will not change. Please pass this information on to all of your contacts. Invitations will be sent out by the middle of January.
V/R,
XO

CDR Mike Gesele
Executive Officer
USCGC RUSH (WHEC 723)
FPO AP 96677-3921

USS Norfolk SSN-714 begins decommissioning process at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Fosters Daily Democrat Jan. 10, 2015

KITTERY, Maine – The nuclear-powered attack submarine *USS Norfolk* arrived safely at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Friday morning to start the

process of inactivation after 31 years of service. Covering more than 30,000 miles in its last deployment, supporting missions in central command, the crew of 16 officers and 122 enlisted personnel pulled into the shipyard at about 10 a.m. on a snowy Friday morning. Built in 1983, the *Norfolk* is the third U.S. Navy ship named after the city in Virginia, according to a news release from PSNY. The *Norfolk* is the Navy's 133rd nuclear-powered submarine, its 89th attack submarine and 24th Los Angeles-class submarine.



In its 31 years, the submarine completed 15 deployments to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, the U.S. Central Command and U.S. European Command, receiving 15 awards, including two Armed Forces Service Medals. The submarine's commanding officer is Christopher Polk.

Additional pictorials requested



5th Anniversary Station
March 27, 2015

Norfolk, VA 23513



Last Day in
Commission Sta.
March 31, 2015
San Diego CA 92110

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