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### Pearl Harbor Shipyard starts Chung-Hoon project

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**PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii** – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard began a \$6.2 million, 17-week selected restricted availability (SRA) on USS *Chung-Hoon* (DDG 93) Jan. 18. Seventy percent of the SRA is contracted out to BAE Systems Ship Repair, with the Shipyard Fleet Maintenance Availability-Surface (FMR) performing the remaining work.

“The communication between the ship’s force, the Shipyard, Naval Surface Warfare Center and BAE Systems is excellent and has contributed to our great start,” said Cmdr. Justin Orlich, commanding officer of *Chung-Hoon*.

The sonar system upgrade will be the most significant task for the project team. Other scheduled maintenance will be performed on the helicopter recovery, assist, secure and traverse (RAST) system, sling arm davit and the ammunition trunk elevator. The team will also preserve and refurbish the ready service locker (RSL), anchor and other areas.

Five other surface ship maintenance projects are underway at the Shipyard, so scheduling and resources will be a challenge, according to *Chung-Hoon* Shipyard Project Manager Nelson Viernes.

The ammunition trunk elevator requires stiffening to the bulkhead. Due to *Chung-Hoon's* deployment schedule, the Shipyard completed a temporary fix to the component last spring. For the current SRA, the project team will execute a permanent repair according to planning yard specifications.

The RAST system repair poses an additional challenge, but the *Chung-Hoon* project team is applying lessons learned from a prior SRA on USS *Chafee* (DDG 90), explained Viernes.

“We are trying to see these challenges from a different angle and keep a tighter oversight on the work,” said Viernes. “We’re thinking positive – and it’s going to be a successful availability.”

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines. It is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,850 and an economic impact of \$925 million.

Strategically located in the mid-Pacific, the Shipyard is about a week of steam time closer to potential major regional contingencies in East Asia than sites on the West Coast.

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