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**Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, USN to Pay Special Visit to SB
Navy League Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at the Veteran's Home
Ventura, California**

Press information:

Schedule:

Wednesday May 19, 2010: Complete and submit attached media form via fax 805-456-6601 on or before this date

Tuesday May 25, 2010

12 noon – Press Arrival Time (Location: Veteran's Administration Home, 10900 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93004)

12:20-12:40 pm (approx) Chief of Naval Personnel: Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson will tour the VA Home with Brenda Manke, Administrator and meet the residents; press allowed on tour

12:50-1:00 pm SBNL will begin program and introduce Major Gen (ret) Roger L. Brautigan, USA, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs to give a brief presentation on the VA Home

1:00 – 1:30 pm Vice Adm. Ferguson's presentation to the Santa Barbara Navy League and guests

1:30- 1:40 pm (approx) SBNL Honoree Chief Ian Lucas, USN, Navy Recruiting District Los Angeles; presentation to include Vice Adm. Ferguson

1:40 pm Vice Adm. Ferguson departs

Important Points:

- The U.S. Navy's Chief of Naval Personnel is attending and speaking at the Santa Barbara Navy League's Memorial Day Reception to update the community on the status of U.S. Navy education, training, and readiness with a focus on the unique skill sets that will be required of the crews on the new LCS vessels. Vice Adm. Ferguson is the 55th Chief of Naval Personnel and serves concurrently as the deputy chief of naval operations.
- Distinguished guest, the California Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Major General (ret) Roger L. Brautigan, USA, will be in attendance at the Santa Barbara Navy League's Memorial Day reception. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Major General (ret) Brautigan to the California Department of Veteran Affairs on November 9, 2009. He is a 33-year veteran of the US Army and served in a variety of active, reserve command and staff positions in the United States, Vietnam and Germany.
- Chief Ian Lucas, USN joined the Navy in February 1995 and attended Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, IL in May of 1995. He attended Machinist Mate "A" school in Great Lakes and was then transferred to Groton, CT for submarine school. From there Lucas was stationed aboard USS Norfolk (SSN 714), a fast attack submarine out of Norfolk, VA. After this tour he volunteered for recruiting duty and was assigned to several districts leading to his present duty station at Navy Recruiting District Los Angeles as the Coastal Zone Supervisor in November of 2007. Chief Lucas supervises 22 recruiters in 6 recruiting stations, covering three counties of the central coast from Oxnard to San Luis Obispo. The Coastal Zone has 88 future sailors in the Delayed Entry Program and Chief Lucas and his team has made mission for 23 months.
- The Santa Barbara Council of the Navy League of the United States has adopted 13 units from all sections of the armed forces, including the crews aboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) and USS STOCKDALE (DDG 106).
- Although Santa Barbara is not a major port city, the local council has received high honors for its support of men and women serving in the armed forces, including being the recipient on the national level of a Outstanding Council Award for the last four consecutive years. Recently, the outgoing council president, Karen Crawford was presented with the Navy's Superior Public Service Award by the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Gary Roughead, USN.

About the Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson

Vice Adm. Ferguson is responsible for the planning and programming of all manpower, personnel, training and education resources for the U.S. Navy. In addition he manages an annual operating budget of \$29 billion and leads over 20,000 military and civilian employees engaged in recruiting, personnel management, training and the development of Navy personnel. A surface warfare officer, he completed nuclear propulsion training after graduating with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1978. Afloat, he served with both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. His operational assignments include duty on board the USS South Carolina (CGN 37) and USS Fife (DD 991). He also served as reactor officer on

board USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). His command tours include USS Benfold (DDG 65) and Destroyer Squadron 18. Ashore, he has served as special assistant to the Supreme Allied commander, Europe; three assignments in the Office of Legislative Affairs; director of the Senate Liaison Office; and liaison to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees for all surface warfare, sealift and shipbuilding programs. Vice Adm. Ferguson has a master's degree in computer science from the Naval Postgraduate School and completed a National Security Fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School. His awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

About the Santa Barbara Navy League

The Santa Barbara Navy League is a civilian non-profit, non-political organization with approximately 850 members dedicated to supporting the men, women and families of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, and Merchant Marines; educating our nation and nation's leaders about the needs of our maritime nation; and supporting youth programs. The Santa Barbara Navy League has adopted thirteen ships and units to help improve the quality of life for our sailors and soldiers while deployed and on the home front. SBNL is honored to serve our military and does so with great respect and appreciation for the many sacrifices these men and women make every day to protect our freedom. Details of the schedule of events, how to contribute and/or join can be found on the Santa Barbara Navy League's web site at www.SBNL.org.

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