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Save the Date!

RADM Sinclair Harris, the Commander of US Naval Forces Southern Command and the Commander of 4TH Fleet will be joining us on Thursday, January 17 to address our Monterey Peninsula Council members about how our Navy is working as a "Global Force for Good"

within the Southern Command area of responsibility. This will be our Council's kick-off event for 2013 and will include the official installment of the new Board of Directors.

The reception for RADM Harris will be held at 409 Washington St (corner of the My Museum building) at 7PM on the 17TH. Wine

and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more info monitor the Council's website at:

<http://navyleaguemonterey.com>

Please RSVP to Dave Overton at dave@navyleaguemonterey.com

Join us for this reception at 7PM on **Thursday, January 17**. Parking is available on site.

RADM Sinclair M. Harris Biography

Rear Adm. Harris is a native of Washington D.C. He is a 1981 graduate of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. His early sea assignments include tours in USS *Long Beach* (CGN 9), USS *Vincennes* (CG 49), USS *Jarrett* (FFG 33), USS *Coronado* (AGF 11), and USS *Benfold* (DDG 65). He commanded USS *Comstock* (LSD 45) during Operation *Enduring Freedom* and Amphibious Squadron 4/*Iwo Jima* Strike Group during humanitarian assistance and disaster relief - Hurricanes *Katrina/Rita* in

2005 and non-combatative evacuation operation of Lebanon in 2006.

His assignments include tours in the Washington-area at the Institute for National Strategic Studies in the National Defense University; the Navy staff in the Assessment Division (OPNAV N81) Campaign Analysis, Modeling and Simulation branch; and the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J-5) Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate as the Global Security Affairs Division chief for Security Assistance. He was a senior fellow in the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group (SSG XXVI). In May 2008,

Harris returned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as the deputy director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (OPNAV N85B). He was assigned as the commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 5 from 2009 to 2010 providing Foreign Disaster Relief during the Pakistan Floods of 2010. Harris then served on the Chief of Naval Operations staff as the director, Navy Irregular Warfare Office/Future Concepts from 2010 to 2012. Harris now serves as Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet.

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About Our Organization...

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League is unique among

military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including our elected officials, and the support of the men

and women of the sea services and their families. You need not have served in the military to be a member of the Navy League.

2012 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner Recap

The attendance at this year's Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner was so overwhelming the event was held in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom of Herrmann Hall aboard the Naval Postgraduate School since the La Novia Room was unable to accommodate the large number of guests.

The dinner was a great success and the talk from CAPT Wayne Porter, USN on his work developing a National Strategy

Narrative to help guide future U.S. policy was well received by the guests.

The Chesty Puller Bn. Sea Cadet Corps provided a Color Guard for the event and participated in the dinner. A group of military veterans who are students attending UC Santa Cruz were also at the dinner.

This group of military veterans from UC Santa Cruz has joined us for previous Pearl Harbor and Battle of Midway Dinner events.

These young veterans are very interested in joining us for the "Meet Your Hometown Heroes" event we are planning for this calendar year. This would be a great opportunity for the community to hear from our veterans of recent combat experience in overseas contingency operations since 9/11.

Look for more information in a future newsletter and check out our website for timely updates about our Council's activities!