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### **NAVY LEAGUE'S SEA-AIR-SPACE EXPOSITION OPENS MAY 4** **Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Keynote Speaker for Opening Day Luncheon**

Arlington, VA -- The Navy League of the United States will host its annual three-day Sea-Air-Space Exposition May 4-5 at its new location in National Harbor, Maryland, the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. Kicking off this year's Exposition on opening day will be the *Sea Power and America's Security* seminar with the sea services chiefs' panel representing the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration followed by luncheon keynote speaker [Admiral Michael G. Mullen](#), chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For more than 40 years the Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition has spotlighted the latest innovative systems and products designed to maintain U.S. military superiority and to meet critical national security challenges at home and abroad. The largest maritime exhibition of its kind in the world, the Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition also provides an outstanding forum for the exchange of technical and professional information between the top leaders of the defense industry and Department of Defense.

This year's Exposition will focus on "*National Security - Maritime Superiority - Global Presence*" and feature more than 150 leading defense companies exhibiting weapons and sea power technologies for the 21st century. Sea-Air-Space 2009 is where the giants in the national and international defense industry as well as the small technology firms and military commands that specialize in sea power innovation and enabling technologies come to showcase their products that enhance and advance the quality of America's Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine.

A series of five professional seminars with military leaders and defense corporate partners and 11 floor speaker presentations by program managers will provide up-to-the-minute information on the needs, challenges and critical programs and policies that influence both the operational and materiel readiness of today's U. S. sea services. Sea power topics to be covered include:

- Maritime Operations Across the Spectrum - Smart Bombs and Smart Power
- The Art of the Possible (Acquisition seminar)
- Global Engagement Force

This Exposition is open to active duty, reserve and retired U.S. military personnel, U.S. government employees, members of congress and their staffs, and Navy League members at no charge. It is not open to the general public.

The Navy League is a non-profit civilian organization with more than 60,000 members worldwide whose mission for more than 100 years has been to educate the American people and their leaders about the enduring importance of sea power to a maritime nation, and to support the men and women of our sea services.

For more information, to register or to see a complete list of exhibitors, visit the SAS website at [www.seaairspace.org](http://www.seaairspace.org) or contact Janet Mescus, Sr. Dir. of Communications at (703) 312-1557.

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