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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONDUCT FIELD HEARINGS IN SAN DIEGO

*Experts to testify on transformation of the United States Navy and
research and development programs to support the war on terrorism*

The Subcommittee on Military Research and Development of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. House of Representatives today announced details of two field hearings planned for San Diego, California. The first hearing, at which Members of Congress will receive testimony about transformation of the United States Navy, will take place on Wednesday, February 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the El Cajon City Hall Council Chambers, El Cajon, California.

The second hearing, at which experts will testify about regional research and development efforts to support the war on terrorism, will take place on Thursday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m., also in the El Cajon City Hall Council Chambers.

Media Information:

- All members of the press interested in covering either hearing are urged to contact Ryan Vaart at the House Armed Services Committee Press Office at 202-225-2539 or 703-587-9304 (Tuesday, February 19 through Thursday, February 21).
- The El Cajon City Hall Council Chambers are located at 200 E. Main Street, El Cajon, California 92020. For directions, please contact (619) 441-1776.
- Subcommittee members will be available to the press immediately following the hearings at a location to be determined.

Public Information:

- The hearings are open to the public.

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Witness Lists:

February 20 Hearing:

Panel 1 – Navy Transformation:

Vice Adm. Dennis McGinn, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Naval Warfare)

Rear Adm. Jay Cohen, Chief of Naval Research

Rear Adm. Kenneth Slaght, Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Rear Adm. Robert Sprig, Commander, Naval Warfare Development Command

Panel 2 – Advanced Technologies in Support of Tomorrow's Navy:

Mr. Frank Pace/Doug Price, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc.

Mr. Paul Meyer, Northrop-Grumman, Unmanned Systems

Mr. Bob Whalen, International Systems, LLC

Mr. Gene Ray, The Titan Corporation

Mr. Greg Smith, Swath Ocean Systems, LLC

Dr. Daniel Alspach, Orincon

Panel 3 – Research and Development to Support the Fleet:

Mr. Bill Hall, Corrosion Engineering Services, Inc. (CES)

Mr. John Orcutt, Professor of Geophysics, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Panel 4 – Commentary from the Fleet:

TBD

February 21 Hearing:

Panel 1:

Dr. Ron Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering

Dr. John Marburger, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy

Panel 2:

TBD

Background Information:

The jurisdiction of the House Armed Services Committee includes the operations of the Department of Defense (DOD) as well as the national security operations of the Department of Energy's (DOE) budget. DOD's annual budget of nearly \$380 billion (requested for fiscal year 2003) affects millions of military and civilian personnel, thousands of facilities, and hundreds of agencies, departments, and commands located throughout the world. The oversight responsibilities of the House Armed Services Committee are conducted primarily within the context of the committee's consideration of the annual defense authorization bill.

Subcommittees of the House Armed Services Committee have held several “field” hearings in recent years on various subjects including military readiness, military health care, and domestic counter-terrorism preparedness. In many cases, testimony provided at these hearings directly influenced provisions contained in the annual National Defense Authorization Act.

The committee divides its responsibilities between five standing subcommittees (Military Procurement, Military Research & Development, Military Readiness, Military Installations and Facilities, and Military Personnel) and four special oversight panels (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; Merchant Marine; Terrorism; and DOE Reorganization).

The Military Research & Development Subcommittee is chaired by U.S. Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA) and is comprised of 28 members of Congress. The subcommittee is responsible for annual authorization of funding for military research and development and related legislative oversight.

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