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**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LEADERS TO ASSESS TERRORIST THREATS TO U.S. PORTS AT
THE HOMELAND PORT SECURITY CONFERENCE**

Leaders Convene in Baltimore for “Sum of All Fears: How Do We Keep our Ports Secure?”

ANNAPOLIS, MD— The U.S. Naval Institute (USNI) and the Port of Baltimore announced today the 2nd Annual Homeland Security Port Security Conference, which will take place at the Maryland Port Administration Cruise Terminal, Baltimore, MD, on May 22nd, from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Senior Coast Guard officers will join port administrators and academics for the one-day forum to discuss the complex issues associated with defending U.S. ports.

The conference will encourage open, honest and frank discussions about the challenges and solutions for effective maritime domain awareness; securing LNG Terminals from man-made or natural disaster; economic impact of pre-screening containers for weapons or mass destruction; and rebuilding commerce after an attack.

“The United States is a maritime nation with more than 90 percent of U.S. imports and exports delivered by ship,” said Tom Wilkerson, Chief Executive Officer of USNI. “Port shutdowns due to terrorism have the potential to be catastrophic, which is why it is crucial that port authority and homeland security leaders discuss effective ways to continue to keep our ports safe and secure.”

The conference will begin at 7:15 a.m. with a special “scene-setter” breakfast cruise on the Chesapeake Bay featuring the Port Administrator F. Brooks Royster and Captain of the Port Brian Kelley discussing container security, power generation, critical infrastructure protection and maritime domain awareness. During the event, four panels comprising of senior military officers, strategists, and historians will weigh in on security issues facing Coast Guard, Port Authority and leaders in the shipping industry. Following the conference, attendees and media will be invited to

meet with distinguished speakers for a cocktail reception from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm at the Maryland Port Administration Cruise Terminal.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Jeff Beale**
President, CH-IV International
- **Captain James S. Clarkson, USMM**
General Manager, Maritime Security Division, Transportation Security Administration
- **Owen Doherty**
Special Assistant to Maritime Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation
- **Professor Emeritus James A. Fay**
Senior Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Captain Dana Goward, USCG**
Director, U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Domain Awareness
- **Captain George Karol, USN (Ret.)**
SAIC
- **Gary LaGrange**
President and CEO, Port of New Orleans
- **Norman Polmar**
Author, Ships and Aircraft of the U.S. Fleet (NIP, 2005)
- **RDML Brian Salerno, USCG**
Assistant Commandant for Plans and Policy
- **Dr. Scott Truver**
Group Vice President, National Security Programs at Anteon

Other distinguished leaders including Admiral Thad Allen, USCG; Commissioner W. Ralph Basham, Customs and Border Protection for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Secretary Thomas Ridge, former secretary for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and Rear Admiral Lee Metcalf, USN have also been invited to speak.

The event is expected to draw more than 200 people within the military, federal and local government. Lessons learned from the day's events will be published in the Naval Institute's national defense magazine, **Proceedings**.

Online registration is open. For admission pricing and a complete schedule of events please visit, <http://www.usni.org/seminars/HomelandSecurity/index.htm>. Press passes are available for media.

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