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AGENCY: National Commission on the Future of the Navy

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SUMMARY: The Commissioners of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy (NCFN), in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023, will hold a public hearing in Monterey, California to better understand how the Navy and private industry collaborate to secure America's future maritime seapower. The Commission will hear from a senior military commander, leaders from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and Defense Innovation Unit (DIU), and private sector leaders in the private equity and venture capital industries. Those wishing to attend, present at, or submit a written statement to the Board prior to the public hearing must provide advance notice to the agency as detailed below.

DATES: 10 a.m. Pacific Time, Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will take place at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. It will be held in the Executive Briefing Center (EBC). The hearing is open to those who have access to Naval Support Activity Monterey (NSA Monterey).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress established the National Commission on the Future of the Navy in the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act to provide an independent, bipartisan assessment of U.S. naval force structure, readiness, and long-term maritime requirements. The statute directs the Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of fleet size and force mix, naval aviation, shipbuilding capacity, personnel policies, and the force-generation model that sustains combat power at sea. It authorizes the Commission to hold public hearings, receive testimony, and obtain information from federal departments and agencies to support recommendations to Congress.

This hearing is the third in support of this effort and the first outside of Washington, DC.

The hearing is comprised of two panels that are open to the public via livestream. The first panel will be a Combatant Command commander who will provide his perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing the Navy. The second panel will consist of the President of NPS, Principal Deputy Director of DIU, and corporate leaders from the Silicon Valley Defense Group, Shield Capital, and AE Industries, to discuss innovation and investment to ensure the Navy's future success.

The proceedings will be streamed live via the Commission's YouTube channel. Stakeholders and interested parties are encouraged to view the session online. For further information on the Commission, go to www.futurenavy.senate.gov.

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