This document is scheduled to be published in the
Federal Register on 2026-10-07 and available online at
https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-20513, and on
https://govinfo.gov

NATIONAL

Public Hearing

AGENCY: National Commission on the Future of the Navy

ACTION: Announcement of public hearing.

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 with Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint uniformed leaders to better understand the actions necessary to secure America's future maritime seapower. 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: 1 pm EST, Thursday, October 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will take place in room 222 (Senate Armed Services Committee room) of the Russell Senate Office Building. The hearing is open to the public

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 is the fourth hearing in support of this effort.

The hearing is comprised of one panel that is open to the public and available via livestream. The panel will consist of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and will provide a uniformed leadership perspective on the topics discussed above.

The livestream will be on Senate broadcast channels or on the Commission's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/@FutureNavy.

For further information on the Commission, go to www.futurenavy.senate.gov.

Matthew Neumeyer,
Chief of Staff,
National Commission on the Future of the Navy.
[FR Doc. 2026-20513 Filed: 10/6/2026 8:45 am; Publication Date: 10/7/2026]