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USS Kearsarge to Host Senate Subcommittee Hearing

NORFOLK, Va. – The Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), will host a field hearing for the Senate Subcommittee on Water and Power on March 12, at 2:00 p.m., aboard the ship in port at Naval Station Norfolk.

The subcommittee will receive testimony on energy and water policies, and programs being implemented by U.S. Department of the Navy operations and facilities.

Prior to the hearing, subcommittee members will view displays and observe demonstrations highlighting U.S. Marine Corps tactical energy initiatives, U.S. Navy installation energy savings initiatives, and energy and water conservation methods aboard USS Kearsarge.

Three separate panels will provide testimony:

- Panel 1 – The Honorable Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy;
- Panel 2 – The Honorable John Warner, former Senator and former Secretary of the Navy;
- Panel 3 – Vice Adm. Philip Cullom, Director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division; Mr. Tom Hicks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy; Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic; Maj. Gen. James Kessler, Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command; and Col. Bob Charette, Director, Marine Corps Expeditionary Energy Office.

Persons having access to Naval Station Norfolk may attend the hearings. A limited number of seats will be available.

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Note: Media are invited to cover both the demonstrations and displays (morning), and the hearings (afternoon). Media wishing to cover this event should contact Ms. Julie Ann Ripley by 1:00 p.m., on March 9, at (757) 836-4423 or by email at julie.a.ripley@navy.mil.