Flag Officer Announcements

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Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced that the president has made the following nominations:

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Stephen D. Barnett for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Barnett is currently serving as commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael W. Baze for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Baze is currently serving as commander, Navy Personnel Command; and deputy chief of naval personnel, Millington, Tennessee.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Richard T. Brophy Jr., for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Brophy is currently serving as chief of Naval Air Training, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Joseph F. Cahill III, for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Cahill is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Fifteen, San Diego, California.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Jeffrey J. Czerewko for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Czerewko is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Four, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Brian L. Davies for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Davies is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group Two, with additional duties as deputy commander, Second Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael P. Donnelly for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Donnelly is currently serving as commander, Task Force Seven Zero; and commander, Carrier Strike Group Five, Yokosuka, Japan.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Kenneth W. Epps for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Epps is currently serving as commander, Naval Supply Systems Command Weapons Systems Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Rick Freedman for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Freedman is currently serving as deputy assistant director, Operations, Strategy, and Education and Training, Defense Heath Agency, with additional duties as chief of the Dental Corps, Falls Church, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Daniel P. Martin for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Martin is currently serving as director, Maritime Operations, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Casey J. Moton for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Moton is currently serving as program executive officer, Unmanned and Small Combatants (PEO USC), Washington, D.C.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Richard E. Seif Jr., for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Seif is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group Seven; commander, Task Force Seven Four; and commander, Task Force Five Four, Yokosuka, Japan.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Paul C. Spedero Jr., for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Spedero is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Eight, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Stephen R. Tedford for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Tedford is currently serving as

program executive officer for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons, Patuxent River, Maryland.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Derek A. Trinque for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Trinque is currently serving as commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Seven; commander, Task Force Seven Six; and commander, Amphibious Force, Seventh Fleet, Okinawa, Japan.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Dennis Velez for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Velez is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Ten, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Darryl L. Walker for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Walker is currently serving as commander, Combined Joint Task Force, Cyber, Tenth Fleet, Fort Meade, Maryland.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Jeromy B. Williams for appointment to the grade of rear admiral. Williams is currently serving as commander, Special Operations Command Pacific, U.S. Special Operations Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.