Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and Program Executive Office, Ships, to hold media availability at Multi-Agency Craft Conference

What: The Navy’s Program Executive Office, Ships, and the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command will host a media availability during this year’s annual Multi-Agency Craft Conference. Media are invited to attend a briefing and Q&A session with representatives of Riverine Group 1, NECC and the PEO Ships small boat acquisition manager to discuss the operational and procurement aspects of the Navy’s small boat and riverine craft programs. The Navy’s riverine combat boats, including the new Riverine Command Boat, the Riverine Patrol Boat and the Riverine Assault Boat, will be on display. Riverine Squadron 1 crewmembers will also be on hand in full combat uniform to discuss their mission and capabilities.

When: June 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Desert Cove Piers, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va.
(Media will meet at the NAB Little Creek Pass & ID Office at Gate 3 NLT 10:30 a.m.)

Details: The Multi-Agency Craft Conference (MACC) provides a forum for open exchange and discussion about boats and craft between Government agencies and the maritime community. The primary focus is the dialog between the DoD and other Government agencies on common acquisition issues unique to boats and craft in their service. The types of craft discussed range from Army and Navy service craft, Navy and Coast Guard patrol boats, to Naval Special Warfare and Marine Corps combatant craft. Craft types include RHIBs, patrol and insertion craft, landing craft, utility craft and special purpose craft.

The conference serves as a way to capitalize on the joint nature of today's military environment. No service can afford to re-learn lessons that another service has already solved, whether it pertains to operations and tactics, an equipment solution, maintenance practices, or evaluating and implementing new technology. The conference leverages larger returns from the combined efforts of the relatively small boat communities in each service.

Media interested in attending the conference will be provided complementary registration to the MACC, which includes a VIP tour of the Exhibitions, In-Water Demonstrations, and Keynote Addresses. Media will be provided authorized camera passes. Information on the conference is available at http://macc.nswccd.navy.mil/

***Media representatives interested in attending the NECC/PEO Ships AVAILABILITY ONLY should RSVP to NAVSEA Public Affairs at (202) 781-4123 by June 16. Media representatives interested in attending the MACC conference should RSVP to the MACC Public Affairs Coordinator at (757) 462-3153 ***