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The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation is continuing to reach out to the members of our Armed Forces at the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, May 21 at 4 PM at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. We will be welcoming Rear Admiral "Len" Hering Sr., USN, Commander of the Navy Region Southwest. Rear Admiral Hering will provide the board members, our Armed Forces Interest Group as well as interested members of the community with a better understanding of the Navy, how it takes care of its sailors and their families and how we can best channel our support.

This special event follows a March Board of Directors meeting that featured Col. James Seaton, Commanding Officer at the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. From his moving talk about life for Marines and their families during the ongoing Iraqi and Afghanistan military efforts, two funds were created at the Foundation to accept charitable donations. The **Wounded & Fallen Warriors Fund** will provide support to military personnel from all branches of the service that have been wounded or killed in the line of duty. Grant distributions shall be made through the following organizations: Scripps Hospital Encinitas Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Freedom Alliance, Fisher House, Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, San Diego USO or other such organizations that may be determined in the future. The **Armed Services Family Support Fund – San Diego** will provide support to the families of active duty military. Grant distributions shall be made through the following organizations: Armed Services YMCA (Camp Pendleton and San Diego), Military Outreach Ministry, San Diego Adaptive Sports and Fitness Program, or other such organizations that may be determined in the future.

The RSF Foundation board and the Armed Forces Interest Group plan to make similar efforts through these two funds to provide support to Navy personnel and their families. Rear Admiral Hering's presentation will serve as a way for us to learn more about ways in which our collective philanthropy can provide crucial support for the families and dependents of the deployed. Navy men and women serve our country. Hering's own impressive Naval career has included command of two ships – the USS ARIES and the USS DOYLE. Under Hering's command, the DOYLE was a member of the Vinson Battle Group in Desert Strike. He has also served as Commanding Officer of Naval Base, San Diego. His personal awards have included two Legion of Merit, Defense, Meritorious Service Medals and four Meritorious Service Medals. Rear Admiral Hering and his wife Sharon have three children, including their son, Lee, who is presently serving in the Navy.

We look forward to Rear Admiral Hering's presentation. As citizens, we are reminded how important it is for us to give back to the men and women of the Armed Services who sacrifice so much for our freedom.

All members of the community are invited to attend Rear Admiral Hering's presentation on May 21st at 4 PM. A reception will follow at 5 PM.

Please RSVP to Jennifer by calling the RSF Foundation at 858-756-6557.