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MAYOR GARCETTI AND U.S. NAVY ANNOUNCE LOS ANGELES WILL HOST ANNUAL 'FLEET WEEK'

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Eric Garcetti and U.S. Navy officials announced today that Los Angeles has been selected as an official Fleet Week market for the U.S. Navy, beginning in 2016. LA Fleet Week will run through Labor Day, with active military ships beginning to arrive in the days preceding the end-of-summer holiday weekend. LA Fleet Week will offer Angelenos greater access to ships, equipment, and sea service life than ever before.

"As a Navy reservist, representing a City and Port with a rich military history, it's an honor to announce the addition of Los Angeles to the Navy's annual Fleet Week roster," said Mayor Garcetti. "LA Fleet Week at America's Port will be a great annual tradition for Angelenos to visit the LA Waterfront, tour ships, enjoy a variety of activities, and gain a deeper appreciation of our enlisted men and women."

"LA Fleet Week will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase the greatest fleet and Sailors in the world and further strengthen the connection between the citizens of Los Angeles and their Navy," said Vice Admiral Nora Tyson. "We look forward to participating in this exciting event and appreciate the opportunity to bring the Fleet to L.A."

"We are excited to host LA Fleet Week on the LA Waterfront," added Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles. "It's our goal to work with partners — like the Battleship IOWA, the United States Navy League, and a host of other local stakeholders — to develop LA Fleet Week into a world-class event and honored Labor Day holiday tradition here in Southern California."

Like other Fleet Week events, LA Fleet Week will also include Defense Support to Civil Authorities meetings between the Navy and local first responders, an air show component, and participation of U.S. Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

To receive LA Fleet Week event updates in the coming months, visit www.lafleetweek.com, or follow LA Fleet Week on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. To download the LA Fleet Week logo, please <u>click here</u>.