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## CELEBRATING 42 YEARS OF THE OMBUDSMAN

**Norfolk, Va** – The Hampton Roads Ombudsman Assembly will celebrate the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Navy Ombudsman at the annual dinner, 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic will be the keynote speaker at the dinner.

Nearly 600 guests from Hampton Roads will be in attendance.

In 1970, then-Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt recognized issues and concerns that are unique to Navy families. In response to those issues, he established the Navy Family Ombudsman program. The Ombudsman serves as the primary communications link from the families to the command and the channel of official information from the command to the families. The Ombudsman disseminates timely and critical information, regularly, through newsletters, care-lines, info-lines, telephone trees and e-mail.

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**MEDIA NOTE:** Media interested in attending should contact Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs Office at 757-322-2853. After hours, contact Heather Welch at 757-438-4021.

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