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***Piracy Daily* inaugural at National Press Club focuses on “Maritime Security: Today’s Victories and Tomorrow’s Challenges”**

Keynote Speaker: Rear Admiral Terry McKnight, USN (Ret.),
author of *Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 off Somalia*

WASHINGTON — RADM (ret.) Terry McKnight, the first commander of multinational Task Force 151, and three other well-known maritime security experts will speak at the inaugural of *Piracy Daily*, a new online Web site and bi-weekly bulletin highlighting key stories and interviews focusing on piracy issues worldwide.

The event, focusing on “Maritime Security: Today’s Victories and Tomorrow’s Challenges,” will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Murrow Room of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

AdvanFort, a recognized leader in global maritime security solutions, is the sponsor of the conference, which will include a one-hour discussion by McKnight and the three other panelists, as well as a subsequent 30-minute question-and-answer period.

In addition to McKnight, the confirmed featured participants are:

- **Charles N. Dragonette**, a recently-retired senior advisor on piracy at the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence.
- **John A. C. Cartner**, the designated Proctor in Admiralty by the Maritime Law Association of the United States, a member of other state maritime law associations, and the principal author, with Richard P. Fiske and Tara L. Leiter, of *The International Law of the Shipmaster* (800 pp., 2009, Lloyd’s of London Press/Informa).
- **William (Will) Watson**, vice president of government affairs and governor with the Maritime Security Council, where he represents the Maritime Industry on the National Council of ISACs (Information Sharing & Analysis Centers), and the president of AdvanFort.

In addition, McKnight will be available to sign copies of *Pirate Alley*, which one critic noted is: “a frank, no-holds-barred examination of Somali piracy from the perspective of an insider tasked with fighting this scourge. ... [one that] provides a wealth of information not readily found in other books on this topic.” (<http://www.cindyvallar.com/piratealley.html>)

International and national reporters, including wire services, are among those invited to attend the event.