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**Marine Veterans to Honor
Retiring Joint Chiefs Chairman
General Peter Pace and Mrs. Pace at Exposition**

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Washington, DC—The retiring Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine General Peter Pace, and his wife, Mrs. Lynne Pace, will be honored by the 65,000-member Marine Corps League during the 2007 Modern Day Marine Military Exposition's Grand Banquet. General Pace will be presented with the League's highest award, the Military Order of the Iron Mike, and Mrs. Pace will receive the organization's highest award for women, the Dickey Chapelle Award.

The League, comprised of Marine Corps veterans and active duty Marines, and Marine Corps Systems Command are co-sponsors of the 2007 exposition, which will be held October 2 – 4 at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA. The event's Grand Banquet and awards ceremony will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the Pentagon City section of Arlington, VA, on the evening of October 2.

The Military Order of the Iron Mike is named for a famous statue aboard the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. The statue is symbolic of courage and honor, depicting a World War I combat Marine moving forward in an assault, encouraging other Marines to follow. It has inspired tens of thousands of young men and women during their recruit training at the South Carolina base. General Pace was selected by the Marine Corps League to receive the award for his years of distinguished leadership and service to

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the Marine Corps and the nation since graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy 40 years ago. General Pace was the first Marine to be selected to become the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Dickey Chapelle Award is named for an woman war correspondent who covered the Marines on Iwo Jima in World War, on the front lines in the Korean War, and in jungles and rice paddies during the Vietnam War. She was killed in action during a combat patrol with Marines in Vietnam while on assignment for National Geographic Magazine. The Marine Corps League selected Mrs. Lynne Pace to receive the Dickey Chapelle Award for her sustained support of the men and women of America's Armed Forces and the family members of those service personnel. The award notes that she has been especially supportive of families and "America Supports You," a Department of Defense program launched nationwide to recognize citizen support of the nation's military men and women, and communicate that support to members of the Armed Forces at home and abroad.

The Modern Day Military Exposition is the world's largest event showcasing the equipment and systems Marines employ in carrying out their roles as expeditionary forces. The expo will feature the products and services of nearly 400 exhibitors from around the world, and will be held adjacent to the base headquarters building at Quantico. The event attracts thousand of attendees each year—most of them Marines who have used, or will soon be using, many of the items they see at the exposition.

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