

Media Advisory: Future USS Detroit To Be Christened, Launched Oct. 18

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The upcoming launch and christening ceremony of LCS 7 (the future USS Detroit) will take place Saturday morning, Oct. 18, in Marinette, Wisconsin, where the Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ships are built. The keynote speaker at the ceremony will be U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus. See the invitation linked[here](#).

When:	10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Oct. 18, 2014
*Media should arrive for security check-in and set-up by 9:15 a.m. for the ceremony.	
Where:	Marinette Marine Corporation 1600 Ely St., Marinette, Wis., 54143
Speakers:	During the ceremony, remarks will be delivered by the following leaders: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honorable U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus• The Honorable Carl Levin, U.S. Senior Senator, Michigan• Mrs. Barbara Levin, Ship Sponsor• Joe North, Lockheed Martin Vice President of Littoral Ships & Systems• Jan Allman, Marinette Marine Corporation President and CEO

Interview Opportunities: Immediately following the ceremony there will be a brief media availability session with U.S. Navy and industry leaders, as well as local elected officials.

Ship Tour Opportunity: Prior to the christening ceremony, at 8:30 a.m., media will be able to tour LCS 5, Milwaukee, and the facility where the ships are built.

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Background:

This is a significant milestone for the program and a Navy shipbuilding tradition where the ship is side launched into the water (see [video here](#) of the last launch, LCS 5, taken December 2013). Visit our web site for more information on the program: www.lmlcsteam.com.

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