

# SB Council of the Navy League of the U.S. 75th U.S. Secretary of the Navy visits Santa Barbara



Santa Barbara Council Board Members (Left to Right): **Bob Duncan, Phil Hons, Lynn Behrens, Brenda Blalock, Rick Reeves, Lin Graf, Melissa Gough, Steve Hicks, U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray E. Mabus, Doug Crawford, Jim Bras,** National VP Legislative Affairs visitor, **Grant Ivey, and Ed Szeyller**

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**R**AY E. MABUS, the 75th U.S. Secretary of the Navy paid a visit to Santa Barbara, as part of his tour to West Coast naval bases, recently. Hosted by the Santa Barbara Council of the Navy League of the United States, Mabus addressed an audience of about 60 people at a luncheon at the Dreier Building, which included members of the press, community leaders, and business leaders.

“The mission of the Santa Barbara Council is to educate the Nation and its leaders about the policies and needs of our maritime nation,” shared Doug Crawford, NL National Vice President.

Mabus related the Navy’s long term goals of cutting down energy costs and turning to non-fossil fuel sources by 2020. And as Teddy Roosevelt dispatched “The Great White Fleet” in 1907, Mabus wants to send “The Great Green Fleet,” an aircraft carrier group largely propelled by non-fossil fuel sources, into the Pacific later this decade.

President Barack Obama nominated Mabus as Navy Secretary in



Back: **Jim McHugh, Melissa Gough, and David Hardee.** Front: **Chad Dreier, Ray E. Mabus, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, Doug Crawford, VP Navy League**

March. He was formerly the Governor of Mississippi, and Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as surface warfare officer aboard the *USS Little Rock*. Mabus is in charge of the *U.S.S. Ronald Reagan*—the Navy’s latest, greatest, and largest aircraft carrier, which docked off the coast of Santa Barbara in January 2008. He is also in charge of more than 280 other ships in the Navy and oversees an annual budget of more than \$150 billion.



**Ray E. Mabus,**  
U.S. Secretary of the Navy

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Montecito Bank & Trust: (Back) **Carl Lindros, Hannah Stonefield, Chris Morales, Clyde Freeman, and Tom Fly.** (Front) **Mark Fingerlin, Anne Towbes, and Scott Estby, CFA**



**Ray E. Mabus and Doug Crawford** exchange “challenge coins”