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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: Helicopter coverage is recommended to capture the USS LASSEN Port arrival between 2-3:30 p.m.

USS LASSEN VISITS THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES FOR 'NAVY DAYS LA'



SAN PEDRO, CA – The guided missile destroyer USS LASSEN will arrive at the Port of Los Angeles' Berth 46 on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m. The visit is part of "Navy Days LA," organized by the United State Navy League and the ship will remain in San Pedro through April 19.

Hundreds of locals and visitors are expected to greet the ship and its crew, along with the U.S. Coast Guard fleet and Los Angeles Fire Department fireboats. The San Pedro High School Band will also perform for the crowd.

Named for the Medal of Honor recipient, Commander Clyde Everett Lassen, the USS LASSEN is one of the most powerful surface combatant ships ever put to sea. The vessel is homeported in San Diego and visits Los Angeles after its maiden deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Public tours will be available on Sunday, April 18, from 12 to 4 p.m., at Berth 46. Due to tight security procedures, tours aboard the USS LASSEN are limited to the first 500 visitors. Free tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 11 a.m. in the public parking lot on the corner of 22nd and Miner streets in San Pedro.

Visitors are required to show valid government identification before signing up for an assigned time slot to receive a ticket. Adults may receive two additional tickets for children.

For more information about the USS LASSEN, visit the ship's Web site at www.lassen.navy.mil.

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