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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE VISITS COMBAT CENTER

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – On Tuesday, Ashton B. Carter, Secretary of Defense, will visit the Combat Center to address Marines and sailors at 2 p.m. at the Dunham Chow Hall amphitheater located near building 1880.

Secretary Carter is the 25th Secretary of Defense. For his government service, Secretary Carter has been awarded the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Department of Defense's highest, on five separate occasions. He received the Defense Intelligence Medal for his contributions to intelligence and the Joint Distinguished Service Medal from the Chairman and Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Following his address, Secretary Carter will take 15 minutes to answer any questions the media may have.

******MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS******

Media interested in covering this event must call the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at (760) 830-6213 and must RSVP no later than 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, Nov. 15. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at MCAGCC's MAIN GATE located on Adobe Rd. at 1 p.m. on TUESDAY, Nov. 15 to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least TWO hours.