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**COMMANDER, SUBMARINE COUNTER-TERRORISM OPERATIONS TO SPEAK
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**



Rear Admiral Mark W. Kenny, Commander, Center for Submarine Counter-terrorism Operations will speak on Monday, February 18th at 1:00pm at the President's Day Luncheon of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC) at Faneuil Hall. Attendees to this 123rd Annual luncheon include Lt. Governor Timothy Murray and Mayor Thomas Menino.

The annual President's Day luncheon commemorates the AHAC's participation in the inauguration of Chester A. Arthur in 1885. President Arthur was a member of the Company.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts is the oldest Chartered Military Company in the Western Hemisphere, chartered in 1638, and predated in the world only by the Honorable Artillery Company of London (1537) and the Vatican Swiss Guard (1506).

First organized as militia for the protection of settlers following the landing at Plymouth, the Ancients have been a continuous presence in Massachusetts since 1638. The Company, whose headquarters and public museum are at Faneuil Hall, has seen its members deployed in every conflict in the nation's history, from the Bunker Hill to Yorktown, the War of 1812, the Civil War, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and today, Iraq.

John F. Kennedy, in addition to James Monroe, Chester Alan Arthur, and Calvin Coolidge, were all Ancients and Presidents of the United States. Seven members of the Company are recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration.

Still vibrant today, the Ancients membership represents a diverse group of individuals, committed to camaraderie and honoring both present and past sacrifices made to protect our freedom. The Ancients participate in numerous memorial and charitable activities throughout the year. You can find more information about the Ancients at www.ahacsite.org or by calling Brigadier General Emery Maddocks, Executive Secretary at 617 227-1638.