

“COMMANDING COMBINED TASK FORCE 158”

A PRESENTATION TO

THE UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF THE ACT

Wednesday, 2 April 2008, 6.30pm

Spender Theatre, Australian Defence College, Weston Creek

Commodore Allan du Toit AM RAN, who recently returned from the Middle East Area of Operations where he commanded Combined Task Force 158 from September 2007, will address the United Services Institute of the Australian Capital Territory (USI of the ACT) on his experiences on Wednesday 2 April 2008 in the Spender Theatre, Australian Defence College, Weston Creek starting at 6.30pm.

As CTF158 Commander, he was responsible for all Coalition maritime security operations in the northern Gulf, in close partnership with the new and developing Iraqi Navy. Although CTF158’s activities take place offshore and out of sight of land, its core mission is critical: protecting Iraq’s territorial waters and in particular the strategically vital and vulnerable offshore oil terminals through which over 93 percent of Iraq's oil exports flow and around 85 percent of its foreign exchange is generated.

Commodore du Toit will talk about his time in command of CTF158 in a complex and demanding maritime threat environment and about the significant progress being made in preparing the Iraqi Navy and Marines to assume responsibility for one of the most important operations in support of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq.

Attendance is open to all who are interested, with no charge or pre-registration requirement. Newcomers are most welcome to attend and gather beforehand to meet with members and guests socially in the Weston Creek Mess, which will be open to all attendees from 5.00pm and with free bar snacks provided.

Temporary passes will be available at the guard gate to provide access to the ADC campus for the duration and should be returned to the guard upon departure.

The aims of the USI of the ACT are promote informed debate on, and to improve public awareness and understanding of, defence and national security.

Annual membership of the USI of the ACT costs \$30 and application forms are available at the presentations or from the Secretary, Mr Bob Howe on 6266 2167, email at act.usi@defence.gov.au or via the web at www.defence.gov.au/rusi/state/act