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Arctic Encounter Symposium Seattle Pleased to Announce Admiral Robert J. Papp as Speaker

The Arctic Encounter Symposium is pleased to announce the confirmation of Admiral Robert J. Papp, the United States State Department's Special Representative for the Arctic, as a distinguished speaker at the Arctic Encounter Symposium taking place in Seattle on January 15-16, 2016.

"We are very pleased to welcome Admiral Papp as a distinguished speaker at the 3rd annual Arctic Encounter Symposium in Seattle in January. Admiral Papp's extensive background and expertise will provide unique insight for all attendees of the symposium," said Rachel Kallander, Executive Director of the Arctic Encounter Symposium. "We are honored to have Admiral Papp's participation."

Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG (Ret.) became the State Department's Special Representative for the Arctic in July of 2014, and will lead the effort to advance U.S. interests in the Arctic Region, with a focus on Arctic Ocean governance, climate change, economic, environmental, and security issues in the Arctic region as the United States holds the chairmanship of the Arctic Council from 2015-2017.

Prior to his appointment, Admiral Papp served as the 24th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, and led the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As a flag officer, Admiral Papp served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area; as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters; as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District; and as Director of Reserve and Training.

In addition to Admiral Papp, a complete list of confirmed speakers for the upcoming Arctic Encounter Symposium events in both Paris and Seattle can be found online at www.ArcticEncounter.com.

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