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U.S. ATTY. JIM LETTEN TO ADDRESS MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Jim Letten, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana and a former officer in the U.S. Navy, will be the featured speaker at the annual observance of Memorial Day Thursday in Kenner.

The ceremony is set for 10:30 a.m. on May 27 at Veterans Memorial Park, next to Kenner City Hall. It is free and open to the public.

He will join Mayor Ed Muniz, City Council Members and other local officials to honor the men and women who died in military service to the United States.

Letten is a retired commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, having served as a squadron intelligence officer, a special agent for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) and a foreign counter-intelligence officer.

A native of New Orleans, he received his law degree from the Tulane University School of Law in 1979. He served in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office and prosecuted offenders of all types.

Letten has served with the U.S. Department of Justice for more than 25 years, beginning with the Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force and when that unit merged into the U.S. Attorney's office in 1990. He was named first assistant in 1994. He was appointed U.S. Attorney in April, 2001, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2005.

Since then he was named to the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee and subcommittees on Terrorism/National Security and on Violent and Organized Crime.

Over the years, Jim Letten has received many awards, among them: Alumnus of the Year at the University of New Orleans, New Orleanian of the Year in Gambit Weekly, Most Admired New Orleanian in 2008 and 2009, commencement speaker at U.N.O. in December 2009 and recipient of the U.S. Attorney's Medallion for Distinguished Service for his leadership following Hurricane Katrina.



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