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ADMIRAL TO SPEAK ABOUT IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN AT UM

MISSOULA—

Adm. William J. Fallon, the first naval officer to head the U.S. Central Command, will talk about Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran and the challenges the countries pose to the U.S. at the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Fallon will present "Iraq, Afghanistan and Beyond" at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in the University Theatre.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., he will give a seminar titled "World Energy Security" in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

During his 40-year career with the Navy, Fallon led American and Allied forces in eight separate commands and played a leadership role in military and diplomatic matters at the highest level of the U.S. government. He retired last year amid controversy that developed over his criticisms of American policies and attitudes regarding Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran.

Fallon now serves as a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Center for Naval Analyses, a federally funded research and development center serving the Navy and other defense agencies. He also is a Robert Wilhelm Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for International Studies.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Fallon was serving in the Pentagon as vice chief of the Navy. He was a lead planner in the retaliatory attacks on Al Qaeda and Taliban forces in Afghanistan and later served as

commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and U.S. Fleet Forces Command, which had responsibility for the readiness of U.S. naval forces worldwide.

While heading the U.S. Central Command during 2007-08, Fallon directed all U.S. military operations in the Middle East, Central Asia and the Horn of Africa, focusing on combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Fallon graduated from Villanova University in 1967. He received his commission that year through the Navy ROTC program. His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and various unit and campaign decorations.

More information about the President's Lecture Series at UM is online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/lectures>.

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