



SAN DIEGO

Parade by land and sea still growing

By Willie Bans

Take a look at a program listing the warships and aircraft participating in tomorrow's Fleet Week Sea & Air Parade, and you'll see the exact times they are expected to pass through the center of the event at Harbor Island.

Navy organizers have come to expect such precision for the procession that begins at noon on San Diego Bay. With eight warships and about 14 aircraft, the parade that drew about 100,000 spectators last year demands meticulous timing.

"We're talking about ships ranging from 8,000 tons of steel to 100,000 tons of steel. Just making these things appear by the viewing stands on time is difficult," said Navy Cmdr. Todd Cloutier, who is helping to coordinate the event.

There is ample opportunity to view the event. Spectators on Shelter Island will have views of the ships first, since the ships will deploy from Point Loma through the bay. The Embarcadero may be a preferable spot for those who

Online: For a list of Fleet Week events, go to uniontrib.com/more/fleet. To watch a Web broadcast of the parade offered by the public education channel ITV, visit uniontrib.com/more/parade.

DETAILS

Sea & Air Parade

When: Noon tomorrow

Where: San Diego Bay

Admission: Free

Getting there: Organizers suggest parking at Shelter Island, the Embarcadero or Seaport Village. They also suggest taking the trolley to the Santa Fe Depot and walking.

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take the trolley to the Santa Fe Depot, said Tom Caughlan, executive director of Fleet Week.

Spectators can see some of the Navy's most impressive vessels. The participation of a submarine, the Asheville, is unique; last year, a leased Swedish submarine was involved.

"The Navy has more kinds

of ships than what will be in the parade, but this is a good representation" of what it has, Caughlan said.

Road closures during the parade won't be necessary because spectators will be spread out from office parties downtown to Mission Hills residences, Caughlan said.

And spectators will come from different parts of the world.

"I've had people come from France, Netherlands and Japan," Caughlan said. "We have some that call us up and ask us what the dates are and they plan their vacation to come see it."

The parade seems to give Caughlan, who has been in his position since 2001 after more than 30 years of military service, another notch on Fleet Week's growing list of events.

Said Caughlan, "We put on the biggest salute to military in the country."

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problems but that unruly and violent behavior will not be tolerated. Signs will warn attendees that weapons and illegal drugs are not permitted.

"I think everybody's going to have a good time," Evans said.

Although she has never organized anything like Ranchita Rocks, Morrow has worked as a professional events organizer for years and in the past few months was able to raise nearly \$60,000 in donations.

The biggest sponsor is the nearby Santa Ysabel Resort and Casino, which donated \$25,000. It is on hill overlooking the Santa Ysabel Valley. Powerlink would not be on the tribe's property but would be visible from the casino and the reservation.

A decision on whether the state will allow the project — and if so, where and how it will be built — is not expected until fall 2008.

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By Tony Lovitt



Smith+Noble named one of 'Best of Decorating'

Smith+Noble, a leader in catalog and online custom window treatment retailing, has announced its recognition by Domino Magazine as a winner of a "2007 Best of Decorating Award."

Domino, a Condé Nast publication, is widely viewed as an authority on home décor and lifestyle trends. The publication's monthly insights on decorating, do-it-yourself "how-to" tips, and guides to savvy shopping appeal to a wide audience of trend-conscious readers.

Recently, the magazine's editors asked 14 of their favorite designers, architects and stylists for their insider's recommendations on decorating resources. Style director Dara Caponigro singled out Smith+Noble, saying its "basic Roman shades and roller blinds are perfect when you want to keep things simple. They are relatively inexpensive and arrive in days."

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