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PRESS RELEASE

**Stephen P. Cushman Named Chairman
Of Fleet Week San Diego, 2008**

SAN DIEGO, February 29, 2008: The Board of Directors for the Fleet Week Foundation is proud to announce that Stephen P. Cushman has graciously accepted their invitation to serve as the Chair of the Fleet Week Foundation for 2008.

Bill Hall, President of the Foundation said “Many of us have been privileged to know and work side by side with Commissioner Cushman on a variety of boards and commissions. He is a man of extraordinary integrity, energy and imagination who has had greater positive impact on San Diego than any other civic volunteer that I have known within this region.”

Steve Cushman is currently Vice Chair of the Board of Port Commissioners. Throughout his career he has served on over 60 boards and commissions including the Board of Directors of Sharp Memorial Hospital, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Convention Center Corporation, the Holiday Bowl, American Red Cross and San Diego State University.

Mr. Cushman’s efforts on behalf of Fleet Week this year include leading the planning of a proposed combined Fleet Week-sponsored Red Bull Air Races and Sea & Air Parade on San Diego Bay, for which free viewing will be provided for 3000 Sailors, Marines and their families. Through a combination of television and radio broadcasts, the event will reach millions of households throughout the world.

The mission of the Fleet Week Foundation is to provide support, encouragement and recognition to our Military Patriots that serve our community and our nation. The Foundation arranges over 20 events throughout the year, including the Coronado Speed Festival, Red Bull Air Races, Sea & Air Parade, Enlisted Recognition Luncheon, Miramar Air Show, Navy Ball, the Fleet Week Football Classic, Operation Liberty Call, and the Fleet Week Padres Baseball Game.

With a range of major corporate sponsors that include the Union Tribune, Northrop Grumman Corporation, the Port of San Diego, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, North Island Credit Union, General Dynamics, Viejas, SDG&E, DRS Technical Services, Lincoln Military Housing, the Padres, Sea World, Navy Federal Credit Union, USA Federal Credit Union, BAE Systems, Cubic Corporation, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, CSC, Rockwell Collins, Epsilon Systems Solutions, SAIC, the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, AT&T, the McMillin Companies, and a host of others, the Foundation creates venues that entertain and thank our military service members and their families for their extraordinary sacrifice and selfless dedication.

Thanks to the overwhelming support from regional businesses and the people of San Diego, our Fleet Week has become the largest “thank you” to the military in the nation and has adopted the tag line, “Fleet Week, Honoring our Military throughout the Year”.

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