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Fleet Week San Diego Events Honoring the Military Launch this Weekend

September 14, 2011 (SAN DIEGO, CA) – The [San Diego Fleet Week Foundation](#)'s spectacular series of events launches this weekend, with many events open to the public. Some events are designed for adults, many are geared toward families, and best of all, many are FREE.

Nothing starts the weekend off quite like a great party, so don't miss Fleet Week's [Operation Liberty Call](#): 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, September 16 at Dick's Last Resort in downtown San Diego. It's a free party for military personnel and open to the public. There will be food, drink, Padres ball caps (for the first 500 to arrive) and prize drawings every hour.

Spend the weekend with the family this Saturday-Sunday, September 17-18 at the [Fleet Week Big Bay Family Festival](#), to be held at the Broadway Pier. This FREE event features ship tours, military static displays, in-water demonstrations, live entertainment, and a children's fun zone. Tentatively-scheduled ships available for tour are the USS Princeton (CG-59), a guided missile cruiser, and the USS Rushmore (LSD-47), a dock landing ship.

Do lunch with distinguished enlisted personnel at the [Enlisted Recognition Luncheon](#). Two hundred military enlisted guests will be honored at Sea World San Diego on Tuesday, September 20 at 11:45 am. Tickets are \$50 each. Visit the website for more information.

Community members looking for a forum to meet the region's military leadership won't want to miss the [Fleet Week Foundation/SDMAC Breakfast](#) at the Admiral Kidd Club on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30 am. Keynote speaker for the morning will be Vice Admiral Allen G. Myers, Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Please check the website www.sdmac.org for ticket information.

Looking for more FREE family fun in a picturesque setting? The [Coronado Speed Festival Car Procession](#) begins at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 22. Classic cars of all makes will parade from North Island Naval Air Station down Orange Avenue to Rotary Plaza in downtown Coronado, where they'll be displayed for the public all evening.

The Fleet Week Foundation's flagship event is the [14th Annual Fleet Week Coronado Speed Festival](#), held at Naval Air Station North Island, September 24-25, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Weekend-long races featuring 250 of the world's most pedigreed vintage racecars chosen to compete on the basis of their historic significance and certified authenticity. The 2011 event also celebrates the Centennial of Naval Aviation and the 100th Anniversary of Chevrolet. Last, but not least, a multitude of current and historic Navy jets and helicopters will be on display at the entrance of the event, the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier, the USS Benfold, and the HMS Ottawa will also be available for ship tours.

Tickets are \$25 one day and \$35 for both days, in advance, or \$35 one day and \$45 for both days at the venue. Children 12 and under are FREE with paid adult admission. Active duty military and their direct dependents are FREE with ID.

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Fore! Members of the local community and military personnel will mix for exciting tournament play and a barbeque at the picturesque Morgan Run Golf Club & Resort in beautiful Rancho Santa Fe at the [Fleet Week Golf Tournament](#) on Monday, September 26 at 11:00 am.

Take me out to the [Fleet Week Baseball Game](#). The San Diego Padres, Team of the Military, are proud to be a part of Fleet Week 2011. The game will honor the San Diego military community in the same tradition that has been so well established by Fleet Week over the years on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:05 pm. Tickets start at just \$9.50 when you use promo code: FLEETWEEK at www.padres.com.

As always, these events are hosted at little or no cost to the military families they honor, thanks to the financial support of the Foundation's corporate sponsors and the commitment of our many dedicated volunteers. Members of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard are the primary honorees of these events but the local community is welcome and invited to these activities.

About Fleet Week San Diego

The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation. In addition to honoring the military services through the annual Fleet Week events, the Foundation's goals are to foster awareness of the contributions made by enlisted military personnel and their families, to enhance relationships between the civilian, business and military communities, to provide events that military personnel and their families can attend at little or no cost, and to raise funds for charitable efforts benefiting enlisted service members and their families.

For more information, or for a complete listing of all of the Fleet Week events, please visit www.fleetweeksandiego.org or you can find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fleetweeksd or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/fleetweeksd.

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