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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **LATEST NEWS: NEW ORGANIZATION PLEDGES THEIR SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY**

*The San Diego Padres Show Their Support For The Fleet Week San Diego Events*

**SAN DIEGO, April 23, 2008:** Fleet Week San Diego is proud to announce the addition of new sponsors committing their support to the foundation, which hosts annual events to show recognition to military personnel and to honor the service that they have provided this country. The sponsor is **The San Diego Padres, Booz Allen Hamilton and The Port of San Diego Ship Repair Association.**

**The San Diego Padres** are a major league baseball team based in San Diego. The team has been home to some of the greatest players in history, including Tony Gwynn and Trevor Hoffman. The 2008 season looks bright for the Padres, so bring the family to Petco Park for an exciting day of baseball on opening day, Monday, March 31. To show their support to the military, the San Diego Padres dedicate one of their home games to Fleet Week; The Fleet Week Baseball Classic, which will be on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fleet Week San Diego 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.

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. 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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