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### **Veteran's Day Boat Parade Highlight of San Diego Fleet Week 2020**

*Navy Leap Frogs, USCG Demos, Vintage Aircraft*

**SAN DIEGO** – The Maritime Museum of San Diego's restored Vietnam era PCF 816 Swift Boat will lead The Fleet Week Veterans Day Parade starting at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 11 with San Diego Veterans embarked aboard the Patrol Craft Vessel. The Navy Leap Frogs, the U.S Navy's elite Parachuting Team will do two performances during the parade, landing aboard the USS Midway Museum. There will also be live demonstrations by the U.S. Coast Guard sector San Diego Search and Rescue teams, flyovers by Vintage Aircraft. Pleasure boats representing the San Diego Boating Community will be decorated in Military and Patriotic Themes. The 139 Foot Yacht "America", and Flagship Cruises' "Patriot" jet Boat will also host San Diego Veterans during the parade.

The Boat Parade begins at Shelter Island, and will proceed towards the downtown skyline and work its way up to Coronado Bridge where boats will cross the Bay and proceed South along the Coronado shoreline. Boaters who want to participate can register at <https://fleetweeksandiego.org>. This will be a family-friendly event visible to the public at many locations around San Diego Bay and presents a great opportunity for the San Diego community to honor and thank the men and women who are currently serving and have previously served as member of our Armed Forces. The Boat Parade will also be "Live Streamed", and available free to the public at the Fleet Week Website <https://fleetweeksandiego.org>. The complete schedule is as follows:

- 10:00** Parade departs vicinity south end of Shelter Island. Lead Boat: PCF 816 (MMSD)
- 10:00** Navy Leap Frogs: Jump #1 land aboard USS Midway Museum
- 1030:** Vintage Aircraft Flyover # 1, enter vicinity of Coronado Bridge, proceed down center of channel toward Point Loma.
- 1100:** Lead Boat Passes 'Californian" (judging station) at MMSD
- 1130:** Coast Guard SAR Demo, vicinity of USCG Station
- 1130:** Lead Boat Passes Sea Port Village
- 1200:** Lead Boat crosses channel to Coronado side.
- 1230:** Lead Boat passes Ferry Landing, parade participants disperse
- 1230:** Vintage Aircraft Flyover #2
- 1300:** Navy Leap Frogs: Jump #2 land aboard USS Midway Museum
- 1330:** Fleet Week Boat Parade events complete.

The Fleet Week San Diego week-long series of events kicks off with a golf tournament Monday, November 9 for enlisted service men and woman at Sycuan Resort, and wraps up with Military Family Drive-in movie night on Saturday, November 14 at the Lexus parking lot at PETCO Park.

COVID-19 Protocols will preclude live ship tours this year, but the public will have the opportunity to take virtual tours of Navy and Coast guard ships and Marine Corps equipment, see performances by the Navy and Marine Corps Bands, and interviews with active duty Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard personnel, and visit the “Virtual” Qualcomm Innovation Zone. Other activities scheduled include a Virtual 5k Family Fun Run November, Virtual Military/Veterans Art Show. Artists can start the submission process at <http://fleetweeksandiegoartexhibition.artcall.org/>.

The General Atomics sponsored Fleet Week SDMAC Breakfast and the Cubic sponsored Enlisted Recognition Luncheon, will also be held virtually Tuesday, November 12 this year.

For more information about San Diego Fleet Week 2020 events, visit <https://fleetweeksandiego.org>.

### **About Fleet Week San Diego**

Fleet Week San Diego is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit foundation created by community and business leaders to honor and celebrate the men and women of the military through public events and alliances that support and thank these heroes. The Chamber of Commerce gave birth to Fleet Week San Diego in 1997 and by 2001 the event had grown into a nonprofit California Public Benefit Corporation. By expressing its support for the contributions made by the sea services to the many communities of the greater San Diego region, Fleet Week San Diego helps to maintain the vision of San Diego as a patriotic, pro-military city.

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