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***53rd Annual Salute to Navy Celebration –
Longest Running Navy Tribute in the Nation! October 22, 2009***

National City, CA (Thursday, October 22, 2009)– The National City Chamber of Commerce together with the City of National City, Unified Port of San Diego and Kiwanis Club of National City honor the men and women of service in the United States Navy during Salute to Navy week ending October 22nd.

National City's Salute to Navy has been a longstanding tradition for the past 53 years. With strong ties to the Navy station, National City holds this event every year during the month of October and jointly celebrates the Navy's birthday. This is the first and longest running event of its kind in the United States.

Civic and business leaders together with community members and navy personnel celebrated the 234th Salute to Navy Birthday Luncheon on October 7, 2009 at the Martin Luther King Community Center in National City. Commander Garcia from Naval Base San Diego served as the Key Note Speaker addressing a crowd of 225 guests. The Outstanding Sailor Award and a plethora of accolades and recognitions from the offices of Congressman Bob Filner, Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, Senator Denise Moreno-Ducheny, Assemblywoman Mary Salas, Assemblyman Marty Block, and Mayor Ron Morrison, were presented to Hospital Corpsman First Class Genena Palacios.

The luncheon and the upcoming Salute to Navy Ship Board Reception are made possible through the support of our generous sponsors including the Port of San Diego Ship Repair Association, Mile of Cars Association, USA Federal Credit Union, Freedom Furniture and Electronics, Unified Port of San Diego, and the City of National City.

What: 53rd Annual Salute to Navy Ship Board Reception

When: Thursday, October 22, 2009 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Where: USS Boxer, Naval Base, San Diego

*** *RSVP Required.***

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