



# San Francisco Fleet Week

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## San Francisco Kicks Off Fleet Week for 2022!

Fleet Week is back celebrating our nation's sea services while providing disaster response and training programs and weeklong festivities along San Francisco's Port. Today San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed and Lewis Loeven, Executive Director of the San Francisco Fleet Week Association were joined by federal, state, and local emergency management officials to conduct a joint press conference, welcoming the Fleet back to San Francisco. Representatives from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard also joined the Mayor.

"We are proud to welcome Fleet Week back to San Francisco," said Mayor London Breed. "This is an exciting opportunity to welcome visitors back to our City and to celebrate our long-standing commitment to resiliency and safety. From the live music by the Fleet Week bands in our neighborhoods to the air shows and the Blue Angels soaring over the Bay, this is going to be a great week for our City."

Speakers included Executive Director Lewis Loeven (San Francisco Fleet Week Association), Mayor London N. Breed, Rear Admiral Wayne Baze (U.S. Navy), Executive Director Mary Ellen Carroll (San Francisco Department of Emergency Management) and Executive Director Elaine Forbes (Port of San Francisco).

"Fleet Week is more than a great celebration. With its focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief training, it plays an important role in improving our nation's capabilities for saving lives" said San Francisco Fleet Week Association Executive Director Lewis Loeven "Our programs honor those serving in our nation's military as well our nation's veterans." This year's events and programs include:

- The Honor Our Fallen Concert at the Herbst Theater
- Tours of four Navy ships at Pier 30/32 and 35
- A celebration of K9 heroes at Duboce Park
- Social and sporting activities for visiting service members
- Education programs for joint civilian/military disaster response missions
- Community-focused events, such as the free Fleet Week Concert Series and visits by the troops to community centers and food banks
- The Parade of Ships in the San Francisco Bay



- And of course, the Air Show presented by United Airlines and featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels

"The Navy is excited to return to San Francisco for Fleet Week again this year," said Navy Rear Admiral Wayne Baze, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 3. "Thanks to the hospitality of Mayor Breed and the people of San Francisco, we're bringing ships, the Blue Angels, our world-class bands and, most importantly, your Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard men and women, who are looking forward to spending time with you. We'll also continue our vital disaster recovery training with your local experts - the Department of Emergency Management, the Port, San Francisco Police, Fire, Public Works, and so many others. It is always timely and critical training, and experiences like the pandemic and wildfire season only accentuate further how critical this training is."

"Fleet Week is a time-honored tradition in San Francisco to recognize and thank those who serve in the U.S. armed forces and I am thrilled that our treasured San Francisco Fleet Week has returned to our amazing City," said Department of Emergency Management Executive Director Mary Ellen Carroll. "Fleet Week not only celebrates San Francisco's rich naval tradition while honoring the men and women serving in today's armed forces, it also is a week during which San Francisco public safety agencies do disaster preparedness trainings and exercises with the Navy, Marines, and local first responders. We know from history that our men and women in uniform often assist local jurisdictions during trying times. Our San Francisco Fleet Week helps us to plan, prepare, and learn from each other while refining how we could work together during an actual disaster in San Francisco."

"The 7.5 miles of San Francisco bayside has been abuzz all summer long with unique events and activities, and the Port of San Francisco is now excited to host our women and men in uniform and tens of thousands of people on our vibrant waterfront for San Francisco Fleet Week 2022," said Elaine Forbes, Executive Director of the Port of San Francisco. "Each year during Fleet Week, the Port is proud to celebrate our sea services, the city's rich maritime history, and offer the best views, food, and experiences along our waterfront for everyone to enjoy."

**Fleet Week History.** Since 1981, San Francisco has welcomed the sailors, marines and coasties of our nation's sea services for a week of celebrations. Since 2010, the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management has partnered with The San Francisco Fleet Week Association and its Center for Humanitarian Assistance to conduct joint military and civilian disaster response exercises in the interests of advancing cooperation between military personnel, first responders and emergency managers to enhance disaster resilience in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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