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### **SDMAC, Local Leaders Announce Impact of San Diego's Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Ecosystem**

*New report shows the shipbuilding and repair industry brings large economic benefits to region – including spending dollars, above average wages and benefits, and more.*

**San Diego, CA** – Today the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) unveiled a special report outlining the significant impacts San Diego's shipbuilding and ship repair ecosystem brings to the region.

The report solidified San Diego's position as home to the largest and most capable shipbuilding and repair industry cluster along the west coast of the United States—and vital to both San Diego's regional economy and the nation's economic and homeland security interests.

“San Diego's long-standing shipbuilding and repair industry brings thousands of good-paying jobs and tremendous economic benefit to the San Diego region. The industry also provides a magnitude of supply and support for our nation's sea services,” said Paul Cassani, 2015 president for SDMAC. “Although a ‘rebalance’ of Navy assets will prove to strengthen the ecosystem, San Diegans must never take for granted the presence of our shipbuilding and ship repair industry.”

The industry comprises shipyards, non-shipyard businesses, and organizations large and small – from General Dynamics NASSCO, BAE Systems and Continental Maritime San Diego, to Pacific Ship Repair, Cal Marine Cleaning, and much more. A majority of the industry is housed along San Diego's waterfront, with impacts rippling into nearly every community within San Diego County.

Several elected officials, military officials, maritime industry representatives, and members from the surrounding community of Barrio Logan attended the press conference in support of the industry.

“For many years, our shipbuilding industry has provided the San Diego region with an enormous boost to our economy and jobs. This study will serve as a great resource of information as we

continue to find ways to nurture and grow local businesses and careers. I commend the leadership at SDMAC for their forward and innovative thinking in providing us with this new invaluable asset,” said San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer.

San Diego City Councilmember David Alvarez added: “San Diego’s working waterfront, located in my district, is a vital economic engine and provides many good paying jobs. Thank you to the shipbuilding and ship repair industry for your valuable contributions to our community and the region.”

### **Highlights of the report concluded:**

#### THE ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Total Gross Regional Product (GRP) contributed directly by the shipbuilding and repair industry and through its ripple effects summed to \$1.75 billion in San Diego County.
- San Diego is home to the largest and most capable shipbuilding and repair industry cluster along the west coast of the United States.

#### JOBS & WAGES

- In 2014, more than 12,000 people were employed in the shipbuilding and repair industry cluster. In 2015, based on increased workload driven by a variety of issues including the “Rebalance to the Pacific,” the total number of direct employees is estimated to have increased to approximately 14,000.
- Including all ripple effects or multiplier effects, the shipbuilding and repair industry was responsible for about 17,000 jobs in San Diego County.
- Total income earned by payroll employees and company proprietors as a result of direct and indirect spending linked to shipbuilding and repair equaled \$1.25 billion in San Diego County.
- Shipbuilding and repair annual wages are 20 percent above San Diego average.

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- San Diego’s shipbuilding and repair companies devote a significant amount of resources to training and workforce development. Shipyards often hire individuals with limited to no experience and provide them with the training necessary.

#### WHERE THEY LIVE

- 94 percent reside within San Diego County; 75 percent reside within the City of San Diego; and 17 percent reside within two miles of the Barrio Logan shipyards.

For the full executive summary visit: [www.sdmac.org](http://www.sdmac.org).

SDMAC advances the partnership among the military, our elected officials, civic leaders, and the business community to enhance the understanding of military’s many contributions to the San Diego region. Annually, SDMAC releases its military economic impact study, highlighting the

significant economic benefits that San Diego receives from the defense and military communities.

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