

BOATLOAD OF HEROES



In the tradition of honoring our military Purple Heart recipients and Wounded Warriors, MOPH Chapter 0049 has been selected to “lead and manage” the selection of personnel that will make up the “**2012 Boatload of Heroes.**” The “**Boatload of Heroes**” will honor the memory and prior owner of the luxury sport fisher, **EXCEL**, Mr. Bill Pool of San Diego, CA.

“**Boatload of Heroes,**” will be a 4-day fishing trip dedicated solely for the heroes of our country. The **EXCEL** runs out of Fisherman’s Landing in San Diego, CA. The date of the trip is June 16 – June 20, 2012. We will depart at 08:00 a.m. and return around 07:00 a.m. on June 20th.

MOPH Chapter 0049 and the **EXCEL** owners are canvassing for heroes of all stripe and pedigree. Today’s hero will likely come from: active military duty, veterans, Purple Heart recipients, fire fighters, police officers, paramedics, teachers, and similar categories of heroes. All selected heroes will go 100% free-of-charge. We encourage each respondent to submit a one-page story about why they should be selected for this honor. Selections will be made by the **EXCEL** ownership and the executives of Chapter 0049. All selections made by the committee shall be final. Submittals are due not-later-than May 25, 2012, 4:00 p.m. (P.S.T.) at **Military Order of the Purple Heart, Attn: Ulysses Miller, Adjutant, P.O. Box 1068, Lemon Grove, CA 91946;** or, by email to: umiller@cox.net .



Pictures from prior trips



Aboard the EXCEL



Happy seafarers return with catch

Upon selection, all selected-Heroes will be contacted and the planning of their trip will begin. (1) All transportation to and from San Diego, CA, will be provided by donor contributions and the **EXCEL**; (2) All hotel accommodations will also be included; (3) fishing tackle will be provided by **Accurate Reels**; (4) T-shirts, shorts, hats will be provided by **Pelagic High Performance Offshore Gear**; (5) and, many other amenities will also go home with our Heroes.

The owners of the **EXCEL**, both past and present, have been involved with recognizing the contributions of our local and regional wounded warriors over the past 7 years. This is their attempt to expand their gratitude to a larger pool of heroes. It is expected that approximately 20-30 selectees will be awarded to our “**Boatload of Heroes.**”