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Grand Opening Ceremony for new, temporary Neil Ash USO Airport Center at San Diego International Airport



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What: The [Airport Authority](#) and [USO San Diego](#) welcome media to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new temporary location of the Neil Ash USO Center at San Diego International Airport. The USO has been temporarily relocated to the west end of Terminal 1. The ceremony will include welcome remarks, ribbon cutting, and presentation of a \$25,000 check to USO San Diego from TriWest Healthcare Alliance.

When: Thursday, March 25, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

Who:

- Paul Denyer, Chairman, USO Board of Directors
- Bruce Boland, Airport Authority Board Member
- Bobby Woods, Director of the Neil Ash Airport Center

Where: San Diego International Airport, west end of Terminal 1, next to Alaska Airlines
Note: The USO is pre-security. Media parking will be validated.

What else: The relocation is part of [The Green Build](#), the largest project in the history of San Diego International Airport, and it will allow for demolition of the building that currently houses the USO Center, which will ultimately be replaced by a 10,000 square-foot, upgraded facility – what will be the largest USO Center in the nation. The Neil Ash USO is already one of the country's busiest USO Centers. The temporary, relocated facility, between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 and accessible from the curb, will continue to offer active and retired military and their families all of the amenities provided at the original facility, including free Internet access, a game room, televisions, refreshments, lounge, baggage storage, showers and a children's play room. And like the original facility, the temporary center will be open seven days a week, from 6am – midnight.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport — funded through user fees — served 16.9 million passengers in 2009 and generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.

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