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**U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS TO BATTLE BLUE CRABS IN SPECIAL EXHIBITION**

*"Heroes Of The Diamond" Will Take On Local Heroes On April 16 at 6:35 p.m.*

For a consecutive season, the United States Military All-Stars baseball team will take the field at Regency Furniture Stadium, home of the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs. There will certainly be added interest to this year's contest however, as the "Heroes of the Diamond" will be matched up with the Blue Crabs in a spring training exhibition. First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m., and the gates at Regency Furniture Stadium will open at 5:30 p.m.

**Admission is FREE for Blue Crabs season ticket and mini-plan holders. Free tickets to the game on April 16 MUST be picked up at the Blue Crabs Fan Fest on Saturday, April 10.** For all others, admission is five dollars apiece, and all tickets will be general admission. Tickets are currently on sale online at the Blue Crabs official website, [www.somdbluecrabs.com](http://www.somdbluecrabs.com).

When the Blue Crabs shifted their spring operations north from Lakeland, Florida for this season, it created the opportunity to play the U.S. Military All-Stars, as competition was needed from teams outside of the Atlantic League. The game will be the Blue Crabs second pre-season exhibition, after they open the spring schedule a day earlier on Thursday at 2 p.m. at home against the York Revolution, a league foe.

"A challenge of hosting spring training at home is finding worthy competition for our guys to get ready for the season against," said Blue Crabs General Manager Chris Allen. "With the Heroes of The Diamond, you've got a very competitive team for us to take on, and a great draw for the fans. We anticipate a great atmosphere to kick off the season," Allen continued.

The stop at Regency Furniture Stadium is one of many on the "Red White & Blue" Tour for the U.S. Military All-Stars. The team travels throughout the spring and summer taking on various all-star, college, minor league and even Major League teams. Last season, the "Heroes of The Diamond" were matched up against a team of Latin-American All-Stars at the Blue Crabs home on July 11. The team is comprised of military personnel from various branches, many with professional playing experience. They are also known for their unique and eye-catching camouflage uniforms.

**MORE ABOUT THE HEROES OF THE DIAMOND "RED, WHITE AND BLUE TOUR"**

As the largest, fastest growing and most successful barnstorming program ever created, the Heroes of the Diamond are the only team in history to feature Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Veterans, U.S. Coast

Guard, ROTC, Delayed Entry Program, First Responders and Homeland Security personnel. They deliver competitive, exciting "must see" patriotic entertainment enjoyed by millions. Founded in 1990, the Heroes of the Diamond promote the awareness of all Americans in support of the brave sacrifices made by our Armed Forces and First Responders at the "tip of the spear" during the annual "Red, White and Blue Tour."

Over 25,000 personnel have represented this historic program while visiting 45 states and 12 countries. The Heroes of the Diamond are dedicated to a proud tradition and worldwide growth of Armed Forces and First Responder baseball in the modern era. Our mission is symbolized by a prominent yellow ribbon in the shape of an "S" located "front and center" in our distinctive "USA" logo that embodies "Support of our Troops!"

**For more information please visit [www.heroesofthediamond.com](http://www.heroesofthediamond.com)**

*The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs are a member of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, and play at Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf, Maryland. The 2010 season is presented by the Civista Health Foundation. The franchise is entering its third season in the spring of 2010, coming off the team's first playoff appearance and Liberty Division Title in 2009. The 2010 Home Opener is Friday, April 30 at 7:05 p.m. against the Long Island Ducks. Please call 301-638-9788 or visit [www.somdbluecrabs.com](http://www.somdbluecrabs.com) for more information and to save your seat at the ballpark today!*

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