

# Operation Homecoming @ Encinitas

A book reading with San Diego and California based authors and Editor Andrew Carroll of the much-anticipated new book:

## *OPERATION HOMECOMING*

*Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front,  
in the Words of U.S. Troops  
and Their Families*

Friday: September 22, 2006, 7:30pm

Encinitas Community Center Auditorium  
1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

Free Event—Tickets Required!

Ticket Line:  
760-753-6041

In Person:  
Encinitas Chamber and Visitor Center  
138 Encinitas Boulevard  
Encinitas, CA 92024

On Line:  
[www.encinitaschamber.com](http://www.encinitaschamber.com)

## Background

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) developed the program Operation Homecoming to help U.S. troops and their families write about their wartime experiences in Iraq, Afghanistan and the home front. To accomplish this, the NEA held a series of writing workshops at U.S. military bases. Soldiers worked with some of the greatest authors of our time, including Victor Davis Hanson, Tobias Wolfe and Tom Clancy. Their letters, poems, stories and emails have been collected into a national archive. Select submissions will be printed in the literary anthology, *Operation Homecoming, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front, in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families* and published by Random House, Inc. on September 12, 2006. Dan Dalager, then Mayor of Encinitas and current City Council member, attended the writing workshop held at Camp Pendleton in 2005. He was so enamored of the project that he suggested a tour of cities, once the book was completed, to Operation Homecoming project director, Jon Peede.

## Concept

The 101 Artists Colony, Encinitas Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Encinitas Main Street Association and the City of Encinitas submitted a proposal to Mr. Peede suggesting a national reading tour for Operation Homecoming. The idea was accepted. Encinitas will be the third stop (After Washington DC and NYC) on a national tour of military bases and will host Operation Homecoming @ Encinitas, a free book reading for the San Diego community on Friday, Sept. 22, 2006 to hear excerpts and commentary by the book's editor, Andrew Carroll and California and San Diego authors of this anticipated national bestselling book.

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