



JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE INVITES PUBLIC TO JOIN CAL GUARD IN CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 242ND BIRTHDAY

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. – Joint Forces Training Base proudly joins with its community partners of Los Alamitos, Cypress, Seal Beach and Rossmoor celebrating America's 242nd birthday with its annual "Fireworks Spectacular" public event on Wednesday evening, July 4th.

"On behalf of Maj. Gen. David Baldwin, the Adjutant General, and the Citizen Soldiers of the California National Guard who work and train at Joint Forces Training Base, it is my honor to invite our neighbors, community partners and citizens of this great nation to join us in celebrating America's birthday," said JFTB Installation Commander Col. Julian Bond. "Those of us in uniform are privileged to receive overwhelming support from the communities we serve, and hosting this event is our way of saying thank you for their patriotism and tremendous military outreach."

The event gets underway at 4 p.m., with fireworks scheduled for 9 p.m. Admission and parking is free, but everyone over the age of 16 must present photo identification at the gate and all children must be accompanied by parents/guardian. Only service dogs will be permitted.

In addition to the fireworks show, the event will include a concert by the 40th Infantry Division Band and static displays of equipment utilized by the Citizen Soldiers of the California Army National Guard -- including a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, military vehicles and an exhibit of historical artifacts presented by the California State Military Reserve's Heritage Command.

Biking onto the installation is allowed but helmets are required. Alcohol, fireworks, BBQs and motor homes are prohibited.

As an added bonus, a flight of California Air National Guard F-15C fighter aircraft is scheduled to land at Los Alamitos Army Airfield (LAAAF) at approximately 5:15 p.m. The aircraft, attached to the Cal Guard's 144th Fighter Wing based in Fresno, Calif., will arrive at LAAAF following their flyover of Dodger Stadium during pre-game ceremonies for the Los Angeles Dodgers – Pittsburgh Pirates game. The aircraft will not be on public display.

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