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HUNDREDS OF RECRUITS EXPECTED TO BE SWORN IN AT THE 55TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION & PARADE ON MAY 16-18, 2014

Torrance, Ca., April 10, 2014 – Beginning Friday, May 16, 2014, through Sunday, May 18, 2014, the City of Torrance will pay tribute to the nation's Armed Forces with its 55th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade – the City's longest standing tradition. Each year, the city honors a different military branch; this year highlights the United States Navy. Grand Marshal, Rear Admiral Patrick Lorge, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, will lead the Parade on Saturday, May 17, 2014, that will begin at 1:30 pm.

Rear Admiral Lorge will be the Grand Marshal of the parade that will include active and reserve military units from the five branches of the Armed Forces. The parade will also include military vehicles of all descriptions including: Humvees, armored personnel carriers, support vehicles and Abrams Battle Tanks will also rumble down the streets of Torrance.

Additionally, Rear Admiral Lorge will conduct the swearing in of hundreds of future military heroes (recruits) from the five branches. Military and elected dignitaries, along with the community, will also be honoring the hundreds of military service men and women as they pass in review.

Throughout the weekend, the following events will occur in the city as part of the celebration:

Military Exhibits: Vehicles and support equipment on display outside the Public Safety Center in the east parking lot at the Del Amo Fashion Center (Mall Entrance 11), Friday May 16, 2014, from 10 am to 7 pm; Saturday May 17, 2014, from 3 to 8 pm; and on Sunday May 18, 2014, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Free Concert: The Navy Band Southwest will perform for free at the James Armstrong Theatre on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available at the Box Office on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 beginning at 10 am. There is a limit of four tickets per adult (18+). Ticket holders must be in their seats 15 minutes prior to concert time. There will be a line available for empty seats beginning 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start times.

Parade: Parade will begin on May 17, 2014, at 1:30 pm and run westbound along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and ending at City Hall.

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The community is invited to gather along the parade route and cheer for our sons, daughters, friends, husbands and wives who have been called to duty in defense of our nation's beliefs and principles and to secure a more peaceful world.

Parade Route Street Closures May 17, 2014:

- 7 am - Arlington Ave between Marcelina Ave. and Post Ave., El Prado Ave. between Carson St. and Cravens Ave. and Cravens Ave. between Torrance Blvd and Marcelina Ave.
- 9 am - All entry ways into Civic Center complex off Torrance Blvd.: Madrona Ave., Maple Ave. and Civic Center Drive.
- 10 am - Fashion Way between Madrona Ave. and the four-way stop on the west side of the Marriott Hotel.
- 11 am - Torrance Blvd. between Western and Crenshaw Blvd. (including all North and South side streets between Van Ness Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.).

Maricopa Street between Crenshaw Blvd. and Maple Ave.
- 12 noon - Torrance Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Madrona Ave. (including all north and south side streets between Crenshaw Blvd. and Madrona Ave.).

Northbound Madrona Ave. between Carson Street and Emerald Ave.

Southbound Madrona Ave. between Del Amo Blvd. and Carson Street
- 12:30 pm - Southbound Madrona/Prairie Ave. between 190th Street and Del Amo Blvd.

Suggested Routes: Crenshaw Blvd. alternate north and south routes use Hawthorne Blvd. or Western Ave. Torrance Blvd. alternate east and west routes use Artesia Blvd., 182nd Street, 190th Street, Sepulveda Blvd., or Carson Street.

Torrance Transit Bus Lines: Lines #1, #2, #5, #7, and #8 will be affected on May 17, 2014, starting at 11 am. Affected streets include: Torrance Blvd., Madrona Ave., Crenshaw Blvd., and Fashion Way.

The City encourages the Torrance community and visitors to use alternate routes. For more information on the Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration, please visit:
www.TorranceCA.Gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm.

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