

# T O R R A N C E

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## **TORRANCE HONORS THE ARMED FORCES AT THE 53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION & PARADE ON MAY 18-20**

Torrance, California, April 17, 2012 – Beginning Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20, the City of Torrance will pay tribute to the nation's Armed Forces with its 53<sup>rd</sup> 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 Air Force. Grand Marshal, Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, will lead the Parade on Saturday, May 19 that will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Secretary Donley will lead the parade of over 60 entries of active and reserve military units from the five branches of the Armed Forces. The parade will also include flyovers by military aircraft and will have military equipment and vehicles of all descriptions including; a Howitzer, Humvees, armored personnel carriers, support vehicles, and main battle tanks will also rumble down the streets of Torrance. Additionally, military and elected dignitaries will honor 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:** Aircraft, vehicles, and support equipment will be on display at the north end of the Del Amo Fashion Center at the lower parking lot on the west side of the parking structure on Friday May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday May 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Free Concert:** The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West will perform for free at the James Armstrong Theatre on May 18 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Box Office on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 beginning at 10 a.m. 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:** On May 19 at 1:30 p.m., the parade route will be on Torrance Blvd, starting at Crenshaw Blvd and ending at the Torrance 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 on May 19:**

- 7:00 a.m.** - 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.
- 9:00 a.m.** - All entry ways into the Civic Center complex off Torrance Blvd, Madrona Ave, Maple Ave, and Civic Center Drive.
- 10:00 a.m.** - Fashion Way between Madrona Ave and the four way stop on the west side of the Marriott Hotel.
- 11:00 a.m.** - Torrance Blvd between Western Ave and Crenshaw Blvd (including all north and south side streets between Van Ness Ave and Crenshaw Blvd).
- 12:00 p.m.** - 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 St and Emerald Ave.  
  
Southbound Madrona Ave between Del Amo Blvd and Carson St.
- 12:30 p.m.** - Southbound Madrona/Prairie Ave between 190<sup>th</sup> St and Del Amo Blvd.

**Suggested Alternate Routes:** Crenshaw Blvd alternate north and south routes use Hawthorne Blvd or Western Ave. Torrance Blvd alternate east and west routes use Artesia Blvd, 182<sup>nd</sup> St, 190<sup>th</sup> St, Sepulveda Blvd, or Carson St.

**Affected Torrance Transit Bus Lines:** Lines #1, #2, #5, #7, and #8 will be affected on May 19 starting at 11 a.m. Affected streets include Torrance Blvd, Madrona Ave, Crenshaw Blvd, and Fashion Way.

**Free Bicycle Parking:** Secure valet bicycle parking will be available in front of Torrance City Hall in the parking lot east of the water fountain for up to 200 bicycles.

For more information on the Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration, please visit:  
[www.TorranceCA.Gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm).

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