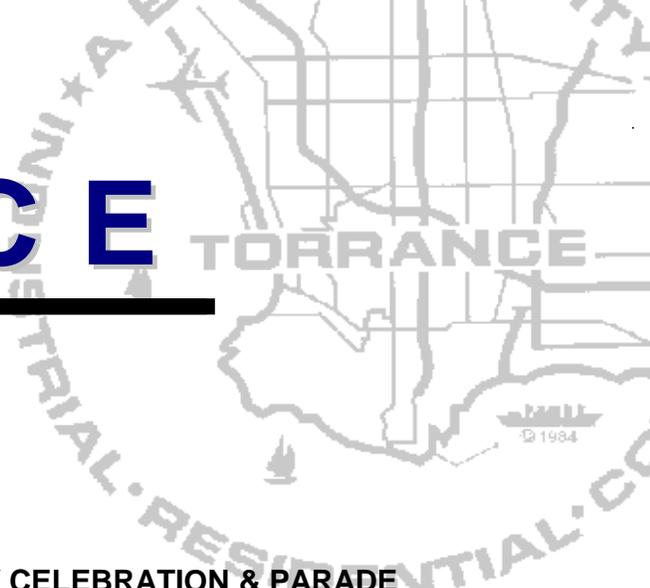


T O R R A N C E

The seal of the Torrance Police Department is visible in the background. It features a map of the city of Torrance, California, with the text "POLICE DEPARTMENT" and "TORRANCE" around the perimeter. The year "1984" is also present.

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56TH ANNUAL TORRANCE ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION & PARADE

Beginning May 15, 2015, through Sunday, May 17, 2015, the City of Torrance will pay tribute to the nation's Armed Forces with its 56th 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 Coast Guard. Grand Marshal, Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, will lead the Parade on Saturday, May 16, 2015, that will begin at 1:30 pm.

Rear Admiral Servidio 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 Servidio 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 Life Style Wing in the east parking lot at the Del Amo Fashion Center, Friday May 15, 2015, from 10 am to 7 pm; Saturday May 16, 2015, from 3pm to 8 pm; and on Sunday May 17, 2015, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Free Concert: The Air Force Band of the Golden West will perform for free at the James Armstrong Theatre on Friday, May 15, 2015, at 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available at the Box Office on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 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 16, 2015, 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 16, 2015:

- 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 Del Amo Circle East.
- 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 16, 2015, 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.