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TORRANCE HONORS THE ARMED FORCES AT THE 52ND ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION ON MAY 20-22

Torrance, Calif., April 20, 2011 – Beginning Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22, the City of Torrance will pay tribute to the nation's Armed Forces with its 52nd 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 Army. Grand Marshal, Lieutenant General (Promotable) Robert W. Cone of the U.S. Army, will lead the Parade on Saturday, May 21 that will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Lt. Gen. (Promotable) Cone will be joined by celebrity Grand Marshal DJ Shawn Parr and lead the parade of over 50 entries from 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 vehicles of all descriptions; 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. Additionally, throughout the weekend, the following events will occur in the City as part of the celebration:

Military Exhibits: Military exhibits on display, including aircrafts, vehicles, support equipment at the north end of the **Del Amo Fashion Center at the lower parking lot west side of the parking structure on Friday May 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday May 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday May 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Free Concert: The **California Army National Guard 40th Infantry Division Band** will perform for free at the **James Armstrong Theatre on May 20 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Tickets will be available at the Box Office on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 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: **52nd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade** will run along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and end at the City Hall on **May 21 at 1:30 p.m.**

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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.

Due to Armed Forces Day festivities, the following streets will be closed during these times:

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 Avenue.

9:00 a.m. - All entry ways into Civic Center complex off Torrance Blvd., Madrona Ave., Maple Ave. and Civic Center Drive.

10:00 a.m. - Fashion Way between Madrona and the four way stop on the west side of the Marriott Hotel.

11:00 a.m. - Torrance Blvd. between Western and Crenshaw Blvd (including all North and South side streets between Van Ness and Crenshaw).

12:00 noon - Torrance Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd and Madrona Ave. (including all North and South side streets between Crenshaw and Madrona).

Southbound Madrona Avenue/Prairie Avenue between 190th Street and Carson Street;

Northbound Madrona Avenue between Carson Street and Emerald Avenue

Additionally, Torrance Transit Bus Lines #1, #2, #5 #7 and #8 will be affected on May 21st starting at 11 a.m. The streets that will be affected include Torrance Boulevard, Madrona Avenue, Crenshaw Boulevard 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. For online press kit, visit <http://www.torranceca.gov/22632.htm>.

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