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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Local Sailors to celebrate Navy's Birthday with local school children

NORFOLK, Va. – (NRMA) – Sailors from local commands throughout Hampton Roads will visit dozens of schools on Thursday, Oct. 13 to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 241st birthday and in conjunction with Fleet Week Hampton Roads.

Sailors will participate in the raising of morning colors, reading to students, band performances and participate in physical education activities.

Each year, the U.S. Navy, local businesses and civic organizations celebrate Fleet Week Hampton Roads in conjunction with the Navy's birthday to help increase awareness of the Navy's mission and to recognize the sacrifices and contributions of our Navy Sailors, past and present, who are neighbors, volunteers and citizens actively working to enhance the quality of life for Hampton Roads. The central theme for this year's celebration is "America's Sailor. For 241 Years: Tough, Bold, and Ready."

Some Fleet Week events are open to the public, and will be of interest to everyone in the community. Media interested in attending school outreach events should contact the Public Information Officer for the school district to arrange access.

Remaining Fleet Week events include:

Wednesday, October 12

- U.S. Fleet Forces Band performances at local schools. For more information please contact Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs Office at (757)322-2853.

Thursday, October 13

- Military Appreciation Day at the Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Rd., Norfolk, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Active duty service members and their families will receive free admission in honor of the Navy's birthday. For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org or call (757) 441-5830.

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Friday, October 14

- Admirals Hockey Fleet Week Special – The Norfolk Admirals will take on the Kalamazoo Wings at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$11 (Red Level Ticket) for active duty service members with military ID, and can be purchased at the Scope Box Office. For more information contact the Norfolk Admirals at (757) 640-1212, ext. 23, or visit the Admirals website at www.norfolkadmirals.com.
- U.S. Fleet Forces Band Performance – Port Warwick, 11825 Jefferson Ave, Newport News. Concert begins at 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Event will also include military static displays. For more information, contact Naval Weapons Station Yorktown Public Affairs at (757) 887-4939.

Saturday, October 15

- Grunt Run – Onboard Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads/Northwest Annex. The event is free and open to all DOD cardholders. Registration is from 6:30 a.m. -7:30 a.m.; race begins at 8:30 a.m. Test your agility on a 5-mile obstacle/endurance course. Post-race party will feature a DJ and complimentary food/beverages for registered participants. For more information, visit www.raceit.com.

NOTE: Due to possible inclement weather this past weekend, the Hampton Roads Navy Birthday Ball at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott has been postponed until Oct. 22. Doors will open at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.hamptonroadsnavyball.com.

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