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Navy birthday weekend kicks off with special concert

NORFOLK, Va. – (CNRMA) – In celebration of Fleet Week Hampton Roads and the Navy’s birthday, a variety of events will take place throughout the weekend as a way to honor the outstanding contributions and selfless sacrifice of sea service members and their families.

A special “Tour For The Troops” concert kicks off the weekend’s festivities featuring Grammy Award-winning musician and country music artist Darius Rucker, along with country musicians “A Thousand Horses,” onboard Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek on Friday at 7 p.m.; gates open at 5 p.m. The concert is open to all DOD cardholders, and their families and guests only – not open to general public.

Authorized patrons are recommended to use Gates 3 and 5, located off of Shore Dr. between Diamond Springs Rd. and Independence Blvd. Signage and security personnel will direct visitors to parking. For more information, call (757) 462-7793 or visit www.discovermwr.com/JEBLCFS.

Fleet Week Hampton Roads events emphasize the longstanding close relationship between the Hampton Roads community and the military, and recognize the sacrifices and contributions of our sea services, past and present, made by our Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

The Navy will celebrate its 239th birthday on Monday, Oct. 13. The central theme for this year’s birthday is “Thanking those who serve us.” The Navy was established by the Continental Congress in 1775 after votes were made to fit out two sailing vessels with the intent to send them out on a cruise of three months to intercept transport vessels carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America.

Additional scheduled weekend events include:

Saturday, October 11

- Grunt Run – 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.

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Sunday, October 12

- USO Military Appreciation Day at the Virginia Zoo – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia. The annual event features children’s games, music, inflatable rides, face-painting, and clowns. The event is free to all DOD cardholders. For more information, visit www.usohr.org.

To view the entire 2014 Fleet Week Hampton Roads schedule of events, visit www.cnic.navy.mil/cnrma, “Like” www.Facebook.com/CNRMA.PAO, and “Follow” @CNRMA on Twitter. Join the conversation on social media by using #FleetWeekHR.

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