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NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY

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Families fly in to spend Thanksgiving with Service Members; Train to perform special concert

NORFOLK, VA (NRMA) – Seventy-two local service members, and more than 200 of their family members, flown in from around the country, will enjoy Thanksgiving dinner together and a special concert by the rock band Train next week (Nov. 25 and 26, 2015) at Naval Station Norfolk.

“Happy ThanksGathering,” produced by the U.S. Navy Mid-Atlantic Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation in partnership with SC Johnson, brings together service members assigned to ships, squadrons and other commands in Hampton Roads, with their loved ones who were flown in from as far away as Hawaii, to spend Thanksgiving together.

Single service members who live on ships or in the barracks and unable to travel home for the Thanksgiving holiday were chosen by their commands to participate.

The rock band Train will perform a concert for 1,200 service members and their families Wednesday night. Thursday afternoon, the 72 service members and their families will have Thanksgiving dinner together.

News media interested in speaking with service members and families at the airport reunions, Train concert or Thanksgiving Day dinner, please contact Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs, 757–322–2852 by Noon on Tuesday.

Schedule:

Wednesday, Nov. 25

All Day - Family members arrive at Norfolk International Airport

7:30 p.m. Train performs for Sailors and families at Naval Station Norfolk

Thursday, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day)

4:00 p.m. Families are served Thanksgiving Dinner at Naval Station Norfolk

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Media for Wednesday airport arrival contact Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs and check in with ORF Operations. The public affairs staff will be working out of the USO in the airport.

Media for the Wednesday concert will meet at the Tour & Information Office, 9079 Hampton Blvd., at 6 p.m. and be escorted to the concert venue.

Media for Thanksgiving Day Dinner will meet at the Tour & Information Office, 9079 Hampton Blvd., at 3 p.m. and be escorted to the dinner venue.

Television outlets may broadcast live from outside concert or dinner venue with advanced coordination. Coordinate live airport coverage with ORF directly.