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# **Patriot Day Event Expanded to Include a Concert and CrossFit Challenge with Marines**

**The fourth annual Patriot Day on September 15 combines music and an obstacle course competition with a spirit of patriotism ceremony.**

**Rancho Santa Margarita, CA** – Join your friends and neighbors at the City of Rancho Santa Margarita's Patriot Day event on Sunday, September 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Civic Plaza at Central Park. With involvement from the City's adopted 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines (2/5), this year's event has been expanded into a free all day event and will include:

- Free patriotic red, white and blue concert (NEW)
- Military equipment and vehicle display
- 2/5 CrossFit Challenge (NEW)
- Commemorative ceremony including girl scouts, boy scouts and veterans
- Student Essay Contest Winners

One of the highlights of the day will be a classic rock-and-roll concert featuring a local favorite band, "The Others". Concert goers are encouraged to show their spirit by wearing red, white and blue. Get ready to enjoy a lively mix of the patriotic songs including Surfing USA (Beach Boys), Born in the USA (Bruce Springsteen), American Girl (Tom Petty), Free Bird (Lynyrd Skynyrd) and many other beloved classics. The Others are sure to pack the dance floor with their unique mix of energy and style.

The day begins at 2:00 p.m. with an incredible display of current military equipment and vehicles. More than 125 members of the 2/5 will be with the display to talk about the equipment and life in the military. Bring a camera so you can take plenty of photos.

Then, watch the 2/5 in action as they compete against each other and residents in a CrossFit Challenge at 3:30 p.m. CrossFit Anaerobic Rancho Santa Margarita will create a dynamic obstacle course to test mobility and stamina. Residents are encouraged to compete against the Marines, as well as friends and neighbors. For additional information or to register to compete in the challenge, please call Community Services at 949.216.9700 x1256.

All of these activities are being brought together to commemorate Patriot Day which was created to remember the sacrifice of those who were lost during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2000. In honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to pay tribute to our first responders, the City's Patriot Day will include a commemorative ceremony at 5:00 p.m.

During the ceremony the winner's of the City's first ever Patriot Day Student Essay Contest will read their compelling entries about why it is important to honor and observe Patriot Day as a national day of service and remembrance.

For more event information, visit the City's website at [www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org) or call 949.216.9700 x1256.

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