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MARYLAND FLEET WEEK & FLYOVER BALTIMORE UNVEILS PLANS FOR FESTIVALS

Free, Family-Friendly Weekend Events to Include Over 35 Exhibitors and Vendors, A Dozen Local and Navy Bands, Static Displays, Local Food and Drinks, a Crab Soup Competition and a Mermaid Parade

(Baltimore, MD)- July 20, 2022 – What does two football fields worth of tenting, 40 gallons of crab soup, one giant Adirondack Chair, 5,500 kids building blocks, six flavors of lemonade and 1,250 zip ties have in common? They are all part of **Maryland Fleet Week & Flyover Baltimore presented by Northrop Grumman**, set to take place September 7-13. Today, they unveil plans for exciting festivals taking place in both Baltimore City at the Inner Harbor and at Martin State Airport in Baltimore County. **The downtown festival footprint will span from the Science Center around the Harbor to the Aquarium and will take place from Friday, September 9- Sunday, September 11 from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.** It will include live entertainment from Navy and local bands, a kid’s area, maritime related vendors and exhibitors, local food and drinks and educational activities, among other things. **The Open House and Festival at Martin State Airport will take place at 701 Wilson Point Road in Middle River from Saturday, September 10- Sunday, September 11 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and** will include meet and greets with pilots, military aircraft displays, musical entertainment by Navy bands, food and drinks and vendors. For more information and details on schedules, visit www.mdfleetweek.com.

HIGHLIGHTS/INNER HARBOR EXPERIENCE:

- *Exhibitors will be located all throughout the festival.* They include Blue Star Families, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, Sail Baltimore, U.S. Navy Meteorology and Oceanography Unit, Marine Recruiting, Maryland Transportation Authority, Navy Recruiting, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland’s Commitment to Veterans, American Legion, Unit 263, Soldier Solutions, Department of Veterans Affairs, Baltimore Heritage Area, Navy History & Heritage Command, Baltimore Orioles, Northrop Grumman, Bozzuto, Navy Federal, Patient First and others.

- *“Meet the Crew” Fleet Week Happy Hour- West Shore Park*
 - o **Friday, September, 5:00-7:00 p.m.-** Grab a cold beverage, take a Selfie with a Sailor and enjoy music at the Fleet Week Festival.

- *Family Fun Tent located at Bicentennial Plaza (near the Baltimore Visitor Center):*
 - o **Friday, September 9**
 - **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-** DJ Allure, a Baltimore-based artist and Official Family Fun Tent DJ, will create a festive mood with a mix of hip hop, house, pop and progressive music, sure to keep the party going all weekend.

- **12:00 noon- 1:00 p.m.-** United States and British Chefs go up against Charm City chefs to determine the BEST Crab Soup, hosted by the incomparable Kevin Brown from Nancy, by SNAC.
 - **2:00-5:00 p.m.-** DJ Allure
 - **5:30-6:30 p.m.-** Chef Egg: *Seafood for Thought*- Enjoy this fun, interactive cooking demo for all ages about how to prepare sustainable seafood dishes.
 - **Saturday, September 10**
 - **11:00-11:30 a.m.-** Kids on the Bay Parade- Led by Mambo Combo samba line, everyone is invited to join pirates, stilt walkers, a pod of Magical Mermaids from Charm City Tails, and the Oriole Bird to participate in a lively fun-filled procession along the Inner Harbor Promenade.
 - **12 noon-1:00 p.m.-** Maryland Zoo in Baltimore allows event goers to get up close and personal with reptiles from the zoo and talk to animal keepers who care for them.
 - **2:00-3:00 p.m.-** The U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard Drill Team will march and also demonstrate arms presentations, executed with single precision motion, along with awe-inspiring aerial maneuvers.
 - **3:00-4:00 p.m.-** The National Aquarium will educate event goers on a new understanding of our great regional waterway, the Chesapeake Bay.
 - **4:00-5:00 p.m.-** Enoch Pratt Free Library will present a Storytime with Pratt Librarians, sharing the histories and mysteries of the Chesapeake Bay.
 - **5:00-7:00 p.m.-** TBD
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 - **Sunday, September 11**
 - **11:15 a.m.- Annapolis Maritime Museum: “Crabs of the Chesapeake Bay”**- This talk will explore Maryland Blue Crabs and how they survive and thrive in the bay.
 - **12:00- 1:00 p.m.-** Maryland Zoo in Baltimore allows event goers to get up close and personal with reptiles from the zoo and talk to animal keepers who care for them.
 - **1:00-2:00 p.m.- Annapolis Maritime Museum: “Crabs of the Chesapeake Bay”** This talk will explore Maryland Blue Crabs and how they survive and thrive in the bay.
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 - **4:00-5:00 p.m.-** Maryland Science Center- TBD
 - **5:30 p.m.-** DJ Allure Truly Epic Dance Party Blow Out 2022- Help close out Fleet Week in true Baltimore Style with a family-friendly party on the dance floor!
- *Bands/Live Performances take place on West Shore Park Stage (between Maryland Science Center and Baltimore Visitor Center)*
 - **Friday, September 9**
 - **12:30-1:30pm-** United States Navy Band: Commodores
 - **TBD-** US Marine Corps
 - **5:30-7:00 p.m.-** Will Hill Band
 - **Saturday, September 10**
 - **11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m.-** BSO OrchKids
 - **1:00-2:00 p.m.-** Mambo Combo

- **2:30-3:30 p.m.-** United States Navy Band: Cruisers
- **4:00- 5:00 p.m.-** Outcalls
- **5:30-7:00 p.m.-** Rufus Roundtree & Da B'more Brass Factory
- **Sunday, September 11**
 - **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.-** Wifty Bangura
 - **1:00-2:00 p.m.-** Ursula Ricks Project
 - **2:30-3:30 p.m.-** United States Navy Band: Sea Chanters
 - **4:00-5:00 p.m.-** Tumblehome Band
 - **5:30-7:00 p.m.-** ilyAIMY

HIGHLIGHTS/INNER MARTIN STATE AIRPORT EXPERIENCE:

The **Open House and Festival at Martin State Airport will take place at 701 Wilson Point Road in Middle River from Saturday, September 10- Sunday, September 11 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and** will include meet and greets with pilots, military aircraft displays, musical entertainment by Navy bands, food and drinks and vendors. There is no “airshow” this year, instead a series of “Fly Overs” are being planned - stay tuned for details of those flights. The best place to see the airplanes will be at the airport. For more information and details on schedules, visit www.martinstateairport.com www.mdfleetweek.com.

There is no on-airport parking! Follow the variable message signs located along Eastern Blvd, as well as those located along MD-43, for directions to off airport parking. Shuttle busses will be running throughout the day to and from the airport. The entire event including parking, shuttle busses, and access to the ramp to view the aircraft on display, is all FREE. Please note that the aircraft ramp is a secure facility and all visitors will be required to go through metal detectors prior to being granted access. *No firearms, or knives of any type or size will be allowed – leave them in your vehicle.*

Saturday September 10.

Gates open at 9:00 and the public will have access to the festival village area and all the vendors.
 Access to the main ramp to see the aircraft on display will begin at 10:00.
 Navy Band “**Sea Chanters**” will be performing at 2:00.
 Gates close and shuttle busses stop running at 4:00

Sunday September 11.

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 Access to the main ramp to see the aircraft on display will begin at 10:00.
 Navy Band “**Cruisers**” will be performing at 2:00.
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Maryland Fleet Week & Flyover Baltimore is a week-long, family-friendly, free event celebrating the rich maritime traditions of the Chesapeake Bay and the contributions of Marylanders to the defense of the nation and is presented by title sponsor Northrop Grumman, sponsors Bozzuto and Patient First along with Historic Ships in Baltimore, Living Classrooms Foundation, United States Navy, Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Aviation Administration, City of Baltimore, Baltimore County, and Martin State Airport. The event is held in partnership with Air Support, Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Port Administration, NOAA, and Sail Baltimore along with Visit Baltimore, Waterfront Partnership, and Downtown Partnership. Hotel Partner is Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.

For more information on Maryland Fleet Week & Flyover presented by Northrop Grumman, log onto www.mdfleetweek.com, connect on social media channels through @mdfleetweek on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or call 866-639-3526.

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ABOUT HISTORIC SHIPS IN BALTIMORE

Located in the heart of Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Historic Ships in Baltimore is the steward of two historic U.S. Navy vessels: the US Sloop-of-War CONSTELLATION and the US submarine TORSK. CONSTELLATION is the last all-sail warship built by the U.S. Navy and has an historic provenance dating back to the 1797 frigate CONSTELLATION built in Baltimore. USS TORSK, a WWII era Tench class "fleet boat" submarine, sank the last two Japanese enemy combatants and holds the record for the most dives of any US submarine. Also under the care of Historic Ships are the US Coast Guard Cutter WHEC-37, the last ship still afloat to witness the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Lightship 116 *Chesapeake*, which marked the entrance to the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, and the Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, built in 1856 to mark the entrance to the Patapsco River and Baltimore Harbor. As significant symbols of our nation's maritime heritage, the non-profit organization plays a key role in the heritage and cultural landscape within the City of Baltimore and strives to raise awareness throughout Maryland and the United States of these important elements of our nation's history. For more information, visit www.historicships.org.

Historic Ships in Baltimore is a program of the Living Classrooms Foundation, which has its roots in the maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay. For more than 30 years, Living Classrooms has been providing hands-on maritime and environmental education programming for Baltimore area youth and adults. For more information, visit www.livingclassrooms.org.

ABOUT THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS TEAM

The Department of the Navy recruits, trains, equips, and organizes to deliver combat ready Naval forces to win conflicts and wars while maintaining national security and deterrence through sustained forward presence. The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Team are deployed around the world during peacetime and during conflicts. The Navy and Marine Corps team also supports humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts. Forward presence allows the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps team to do what needs to be done, when called upon to do it. The service members participating in the Maryland Fleet week are warfighters first who train to be ready to operate forward to preserve peace, protect commerce, and deter aggression.

ABOUT MARYLAND TOURISM

The Maryland Office of Tourism is an agency within the Maryland Department of Commerce. Visitors to the state spent \$11.6 billion on travel-related expenses in 2020. The Maryland tourism industry also generated \$1.7 billion in state and local taxes, essentially saving each Maryland household \$775 in annual taxes, and directly supported Marylanders with 104,328 jobs. For more information, go to www.visitmaryland.org or connect with us on our social media channels | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

ABOUT SAIL BALTIMORE

Sail Baltimore, founded in 1975 as Baltimore Operation Sail, LTD, is a unique non-profit that brings magnificent tall ships, historic and high-tech military vessels, and other ships of historic, educational and environmental interest from around the world, on behalf of the city and state. We have hosted more than 800 ships offering millions of visitors a FREE exciting opportunity to visit some of the world's greatest seagoing vessels.

ABOUT VISIT BALTIMORE

Visit Baltimore is the official sales and marketing organization for Baltimore that generates economic benefits for stakeholders through the attraction of convention, group and leisure visitors. For more information, please visit www.baltimore.org.

ABOUT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman is a technology company, focused on global security and human discovery. Our pioneering solutions equip our customers with capabilities they need to connect, advance and protect the U.S. and its allies. Driven by a shared purpose to solve our customers' toughest problems, our 90,000 employees define possible every day. For more information, please visit northropgrumman.com or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Martin State Airport

Martin State Airport is operated by the Maryland Aviation Administration on behalf of the Maryland Department of Transportation. Martin is home to the Maryland State Police Aviation Command Headquarters and the Maryland Air National Guard, along with Baltimore

County and Baltimore City Police Aviation Units. Martin provides quality facilities and services in support of over 250 aircraft based at the airport and those visiting the greater Baltimore metropolitan area from around the world. Four flight schools are based at the airport offering both fixed wing and helicopter flight training. The airport has an economic impact of \$297 million in business revenues annually. For more information, please visit <http://www.martinstateairport.com> or follow us on [Twitter](#).