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Fleet Week Hampton Roads 2011 Schedule of Events

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) – The U.S. Navy, local business and civic organizations are celebrating Fleet Week Hampton Roads 2011, Oct. 7-16, with a variety of events that serve to honor the outstanding contributions and selfless sacrifice of Sea Service members and their families.

Fleet Week Hampton Roads is held each October in conjunction with the Navy birthday, now 236 years young. The week-long event celebrates and recognizes the sacrifices and contributions of our sea services, past and present, made by our Sailors, Marines and Coastguardsmen, who are neighbors, volunteers and citizens actively working to enhance the quality of life for Hampton Roads.

Fleet Week activities consist of ships visit, sports competitions, celebrations and military demonstrations throughout the area that showcase military personnel, equipment, technology and capabilities, while emphasizing the long-standing close relationship between the community and the military.

Some Fleet Week events are open to the public, and will be of interest to everyone in the community. Media wanting to attend events on station, or schedule interviews with Fleet Week organizers and event participants, should call 322-2853.

This year's Fleet Week calendar of events includes:

Friday, October 7th

- **Military Citizen of the Year (MCOY) Luncheon** – Norfolk Marriott Waterside, doors open for registration at 11:30 a.m., program begins at noon. Sponsored by Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce-Norfolk Division Armed Forces Committee. Recognizes outstanding military who have demonstrated active participation in off-duty community service. Guest speaker is Lt. Col (Ret.) Brian Birdwell, 9/11 survivor. For more information contact Candace Reid at 664-2572.

Saturday, October 8th

- **Fleet Week Chili Cook-off**– The Annual Chili Cook-off will be held at NAS Oceana Main Gate Park from noon to 4 p.m. Local military teams compete for “Best Chili in the Fleet.” Free and open the public. Sponsored by The Flagship, Inc.
- **Naval Station Norfolk's Fleet Fest** - Fleet Fest is open to the public and will include ship tours, a car show, military static displays and demonstrations, kid's area and live entertainment. The [USS Eisenhower \(CVN 69\)](#) and [USS San Antonio \(LPD 17\)](#) will be open for public tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Public Entry will be through Gate 2 beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information on the festival, call 322-2337.
- **11th Annual Bayside Harley-Davidson Rumble through the Tunnels** – This event is the largest motorcycle event in Hampton Roads held in honor of the Armed Forces. Pre-register at Bayside Harley-Davidson, 2211 Frederick Blvd., Portsmouth. Cost is \$10 per rider; active duty and retirees ride for free. All proceeds donated to Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society. For more information call 397-5550, or visit www.harleybay.com.

Wednesday, October 12th

- **Fleet Week Golf Tournament** at Eagle Haven Golf Course, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek. Registration and lunch begins at 11 a.m., shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$55 per active duty/ \$70 per civilian, which includes green fees, cart, driving range, light lunch and dinner. Prizes awarded for closest-to-the-pin, longest drive and door prizes. Registration forms available at www.cnmc.navy.mil/cnrma. For more information, call 322-1173. Sponsored by The Flagship, Inc. and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS).

Thursday, October 13th

- Navy's 236th Birthday

Friday, October 14th

- **Naval Weapons Station Yorktown/Cheatham Annex Outdoor Rec Day** – Events open to all Department of Defense (DoD) card-holders, and pre-registration for fishing, trail run and golf tournament is required by calling MWR outdoor recreation office at 887-4681. Registration forms are available online at www.cnmc.navy.mil/cnrma.
 - Bass Fishing Tournament on Cheatham Lake
 - 8K Trail Run
 - Golf Tournament at Deer Cove Golf Course
 - Bowling Tournament
- **Norfolk Admirals Military Appreciation Night** – The [Norfolk Admirals](http://www.norfolkadmirals.com) will host annual Military Appreciation Night in honor of Fleet Week Hampton Roads when they take on the Hershey Bears at 7:30 p.m. at the Scope Arena in Norfolk. Military group tickets of 15 or more are available by calling 757-640-1212 EXT. 23.

Saturday, October 15th

- **Grunt Run 2011** – The 5-mile obstacle race will be held at Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, Northwest Annex in Chesapeake and is open to the public. Race registration begins at 6:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on site. Race begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes individual and team competition. For additional information, call 421-8263.
- **Navy Birthday Ball** – Norfolk Marriott Waterside, cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner and ceremony starts at 7 p.m. Sponsored by The Flagship Inc. Entertainment provided by the U.S. Forces Band Four Star Edition. For more information please visit www.hamptonroadsnavyball.com

Sunday, October 16th

- **USO Military Appreciation Day at Virginia Zoo** – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children's games, music, inflatable rides, face-painting, clowns and military displays. Free to all DoD card-holders. For more information call 764-5232, or visit www.usohr.org.

View the entire Fleet Week 2011 schedule of events at:
www.cnmc.navy.mil/cnrma

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