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## Military Commands join the Children's Festival in Downtown Norfolk

**Norfolk, VA (CNRMA)** – Nearly 10 military commands from Hampton Roads will participate in Norfolk Festevents 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Festival at Town Point Park Saturday. Navy and other military commands will provide demonstrations and interactive displays for kids of all ages.

All of the military exhibits are free and open to the public. Military exhibits will be set-up between Waterside Marketplace and Town Point Park and are free and open to the public.

Visitors will get a chance to:

- Learn how to tie knots and play tug-of-war with the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Boatswain's Mates.
- Play games, learn a new craft and watch puppet shows with the Fleet and Family Support Center Hampton Roads. Puppet show times are: 10:30, 11 and at 11:30. a.m.
- Learn about fire safety inside the mobile fire fighting smoke house and how Joint Base Langley-Eustis Fire Department puts out fires.
- Build your own tornado and predict a hurricane for a weather forecast with the Navy's Fleet Weather Center Norfolk.
- Dress up like a firefighter, learn some self defense moves with batons and experience science fair activities with Sailors from the USS Kearsarge (LHD 3).
- Watch how the Air Force K-9's are trained and receive a K-9 baseball card from Langley's 633<sup>rd</sup> Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog team.
- Learn about a boat that protects the borders and responds to emergencies from the U.S. Coast Guard Station Little Creek boat team.
- Learn and see why Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) Underwater Construction Battalion One uses gender specific diving suits names Jake and Jane.
- See how NECC Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 202 cleans up using their construction gear.
- Learn how the 34 foot SEA ARK Patrol Boat (PB) and the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Coastal Riverine Squadron Four crew defend and protect the global seas.
- Experience how NECC Combat Camera covers and documents global operations.

All military displays are free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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**MEDIA NOTE:** For more information on military exhibits, contact Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs Office at 757-322-2853.

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