



CELEBRATION
OF
HEROES
THE WILDWOODS NEW JERSEY USA
May 25-27, 2012

Celebration of Heroes Weekend Event Schedule

Friday, May 25

- **U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Graduation** – More than 70 new military service members from the Training Center Cape May (our nation's only Coast Guard enlisted accession point and recruit training center) will graduate basic training and begin their military careers. This impressive and emotional ceremony will be open to the public in the Wildwoods Convention Center at **11 a.m.**
- **Motorcycle Caravan** - Motorcycle enthusiasts comprised of veterans representing the Tri-State area motorcycle clubs will form a dramatic drive-up caravan, leading to a moving memorial ceremony at **7 p.m.**
- **Sunset Ceremony** – More than 100 Coast Guardsmen will commemorate the service and sacrifice of all military members during a Sunset Ceremony including a firing party, a color guard and a bugler at Burk Avenue and the Boardwalk at **sunset**.
- **VIP Hospitality Reception** will be held in the Wildwoods Convention Center at **8 p.m.**
- **Fireworks Display** – The evening culminates with a spectacular fireworks display at **10 p.m.** originating from Pine Avenue.

Saturday, May 26

- **The Ford Family Beach Games - Family & Celebrity Beach Action** – **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
A daytime series of family and celebrity-interactive competitions on the beach at Wildwood Avenue - soccer matches, softball, frisbee throw, treasure hunt and obstacle courses.
- **'Taste of Wildwoods' Food & Music Festival** – **Noon - 9 p.m. at Fox Park**
Featuring the sights, sounds and flavors of many of the Wildwoods' famous festivals. Plus live music performances and radio appearances.

Sunday, May 27

- **Celebration of Heroes Military Procession & Remembrance Ceremony** along with an Air Force and Coast Guard "Fly Over" at the Wildwoods Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. A Memorial Day procession of military service heroes, veterans, celebrities, and marching bands, including the Coast Guard Recruit Marching Band, ending at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, **1 p.m.**
- **Taste of Wildwoods Food & Music Festival** – **11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Fox Park**
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- **USO-Style Variety Show and Headliner Concert at the Wildwoods Convention Center's Oceanfront Arena at 8 p.m.** Starring former SNL star Joe Piscopo and his 17-piece orchestra; Mr. Proud To Be An American himself, Grammy Winner Lee Greenwood; Michael Longoria, original cast member (Frankie Valli) of the hit Broadway Show *The Jersey Boys*; Miss America 2012 Laura Kaeppler; and American Idol finalists Michael Sarver and Haley Scarnato.



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All Weekend Long

Comcast Connect Military Call Center & Mail Call - Families, friends and attendees can offer thanks and video Skype live Saturday and Sunday, noon- 2 p.m., with active duty troops and officers based in Afghanistan, via the Liberty USO. A mail call will also be operated onsite by the Philadelphia National Constitution Center, for those attendees interested in mailing a postcard to troops overseas.

Interactive Military Display Area - Attendees can experience some of the U.S. Armed Forces military technology, and interact with active duty troops, officers and service organization volunteers throughout the entire weekend.