

## **Media Release**

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## ARMED FORCES DAY KICKS OFF A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS

(NORTH BAY, ONT.) – The City of North Bay, with support from the Honorary Colonels at 22 Wing/Canadian Forces Base North Bay announced the lineup for the celebrations planned for Armed Forces Day.

"Armed Forces Day provides us all in North Bay with an opportunity to pay homage to the men and women who have and still are proudly serving in the Canadian Armed Forces," said Al McDonald, Mayor of the City of North Bay. "In June, we will take time to honour their service, their skills, their courage and above all, their sacrifice."

This year, Armed Forces Day will take place on Wednesday, June 12 at the North Bay Waterfront. School-aged children from the local school boards and the public are invited to listen to the 22 Wing Band, watch demonstrations by the CF-18 Demonstration Team and the Snowbirds. As well, members of the community will be able to walk through military static displays. A proposed evening event is proposed to allow community members to enjoy additional various musical performances, and possible demonstrations at the waterfront. Again, the military static displays will be available for viewing.

"The events have been scheduled to be dynamic and fully engaging for families and children of all ages," said McDonald. "This is our chance to really take the time to take in the sights, sounds and privileges that, I daresay, we take for granted as Canadians, and to honour the people that make our great country the best on earth."

"In order to make this event a community opportunity enjoyed by all, various local clubs, organizations and businesses have stepped up, once again, to support one of the largest Armed Forces Day events in Canada", said Honorary Colonel George Burton.

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