ARMED FORCES DAY KICKS OFF A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS

NORTH BAY, ON – 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 and the Lead Up to Canada 150.

“On such an auspicious occasion as Canada’s 150th Anniversary of Confederation, we 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, the organizing committee has taken a two-pronged approach to broaden the opportunity for community celebration. Armed Forces Day will take place on Friday, June 16th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Canadore College Aviation Campus. School-aged children from the local school boards and the public are invited to listen to the 22 Wing Band, watch air demonstrations by the Canadian Forces (CF) Snowbirds, CF-18 Demonstration Team and the SkyHawks, the Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team. As well, members of the community will be able to walk through military static displays and meet the CF Snowbirds, the SkyHawks and CF-18 Demonstration Team, getting autographs and selfies. Then, in the evening the Honorary Colonels will host an opportunity to get up close to specialized military aircraft selling family passes for $20 in support of the North Bay Military Family Resource Centre.

On Saturday, June 17th, the general public is invited to attend a full day’s roster celebrating The Lead Up to Canada 150 at the North Bay Waterfront and downtown, featuring the second Annual Children’s Festival at the Capitol Centre. Then, starting at approximately 5:00 p.m., The CF aerial demonstration teams will perform with brand new breathtaking performances by the Canadian Armed Forces SkyHawks, the CF Snowbirds, culminating at 9:15 p.m. with an exceptional and rarely-seen CF-18 Demo Team twilight show featuring the Canada 150 paint scheme. Throughout the evening, concerts by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 Pipes and Drums Band and two well-known headliner musical acts will take the stage.
“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 stop the busy-ness around us, take in the sights, sounds and privileges that we sometimes take for granted as Canadians, and to honour the people that make our country the best on earth.”

The most up-to-date 150th celebrations’ fun-filled schedule, including Friday’s shuttle bus schedule and special accommodation and hospitality packages, are available at Tourism North Bay.

Event sponsors include 406 Wing, Caisse Populaire, Canadore Alumni Association, Canadore College, Dynamic Dentistry, Effecto de Ondas, Kiwanis Club, Mike & Lori’s No Frills, North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce, North Bay Police Association, North Bay Police Services Board, North Bay Professional Firefighters Association, OPP Vets Association, Rotary Club of North Bay, Tisdale Bus Lines, West Ferris Lions Club and Widdifield Lions Club.

_The City of North Bay is a city of 51,500 people situated between the shores of Lake Nipissing and Trout Lake. For information on City services and programs, North Bay residents, businesses and visitors can visit City of North Bay._

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