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**The Naval Station Norfolk Centennial Concert
featuring the
U.S. Atlantic Fleet Forces Band
Performing live on the Main Stage
Sunday, June 11, 2017, at the
41st Annual Norfolk Harborfest®**

The Largest, Longest-Running, FREE Maritime Festival in the Nation!
June 9-11, 2017 on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront

Norfolk, Virginia (March 13, 2017) –Norfolk Festevents is proud to announce the Naval Station Norfolk Centennial Concert featuring the **U.S. Atlantic Fleet Forces Band** will perform live on Sunday, June 11, 2017, at the **41st Annual Norfolk Harborfest®** at Town Point Park, along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, Virginia.

The **41st Annual Norfolk Harborfest®** will mark the celebration of the Norfolk Navy 100 homecoming event during the 3-day festival. Guests will be amazed by events such as a special fleet of Navy ships in the Friday Parade of Sail, a mighty Destroyer, state of the art US Navy Coastal Riverine demonstrations, a Navy aircraft flyover, Navy ships open for free public tours, landside Navy exhibits and demonstrations, ceremonial events at the Armed Forces and Homecoming Memorials, Saturday night's fireworks show choreographed to a musical score honoring the Norfolk Naval base Centennial, video messages taped from the public to be sent to our deployed commands and special Navy 100 themed entertainment and family activities throughout the weekend. Along with international majestic tall ships in the Parade of Sail, local, regional and national live entertainment, family activities, unique and unusual performances, water activities and much more.



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The 41stAnnual Norfolk Harborfest® in conjunction with Sail Norfolk, will astound the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront with radiant summer excitement as it brings the community together to enjoy the largest, longest-running, and free maritime festival in the Nation. This exhilarating, FREE, family-friendly, fun, outdoor extravaganza is stocked full of activities on land, sea, and in the sky!

U.S. Atlantic Fleet Forces Band will perform live on Sunday, June 11, 2017, at approximately 2:00pm on the main stage:

The popular music group "Four Star Edition" entertains audiences with a high-energy show performing a wide range of music from classic hits to today's top rock, pop, and country tunes. "Four Star Edition" performs at military and community events including public performances, educational concerts, masterclasses, and instructional clinics for students throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Ohio River Valley regions of the United States. As part of the larger United States Fleet Forces Band, the musicians of "Four Star Edition" are among the most versatile performers in the fleet.

Established in 1945 as the Atlantic Fleet Band, the United States Fleet Forces Band serves as the Navy's musical ambassador for Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. The band is comprised of active-duty Navy Musicians that perform in a variety of ensembles including the Wind Ensemble, Ceremonial and Parade Band, the popular music group "Four Star Edition", Brass Band "Navigators", and several other chamber ensembles.

U.S. Fleet Forces Band regularly participates in events of national and international significance both at home in the United States, and abroad. In addition to military ceremonies, this includes performances for current and former presidents, foreign dignitaries, and members of national and local governments. A partial list of events includes the bicentennial of Argentine independence in Buenos Aires, Fleet Week New York City 2016, Operation Continuing Promise 2015 aboard USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), Navy Week Indianapolis 2015, the 2010 Canadian Naval Centennial in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Pacific Partnership 2006 aboard USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), support of the 50th Anniversary of D-Day in England and France, and annual performances in the Virginia International Tattoo. The band has performed with many internationally renowned artists including Lee Greenwood, Harry Connick, Jr., Garrison Keillor, Chuck Mangione, Sugarland, Marvin Hamlisch, and Michael Brecker.

The U.S. Fleet Forces Band performs nearly 600 engagements annually. Its mission is to provide musical support for the U.S. Navy afloat and ashore, support Navy Recruiting, inspire patriotism, elevate esprit de corps and pride in the Naval Service, and enhance community awareness and public relations events at home and abroad. The "Finest in the Fleet" plays for audiences totaling in the millions every year.

For more information on U.S. Fleet Forces Band public performances, please follow us on Face-book at "U.S. Fleet Forces Band."

Additional local, regional and national performances will be announced in the coming weeks.

Festival hours: Friday, June 9th from Noon – 11pm, Saturday June 10th from Noon – 11pm, and Sunday, June 11th from 10am – 6pm.

The **41stAnnual Norfolk Harborfest®** presented by AT&T, is produced by Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. and sponsored by the City of Norfolk, Waterside District, Southern Auto Group, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, and the Virginia Lottery.

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Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., based in Norfolk, Virginia, is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating the most dynamic urban waterfront community in America through innovative programming and imaginative uses of its historic waterfront spaces. An extensive 10-month schedule of diverse outdoor cultural events, festivals, concerts, entertainment, holiday programs, tall ship visits, sports and recreation are presented in two popular and welcoming waterfront environments; Town Point Park located in downtown Norfolk on the banks of the Elizabeth River and Ocean View Beach Park situated on the shore line of the Chesapeake Bay. Norfolk Festevents has served as the City of Norfolk's official event marketing agency since the city's downtown waterfront revitalization initiatives began in 1982. The organization has garnered international acclaim for its advocacy for public access to waterfronts, outstanding quality programming and development of public spaces, transforming Norfolk into one of the most progressive, fun and livable waterfront communities in the country. Residents, workers, and visitors to Norfolk and the Hampton Roads region are invited to experience all the fun and excitement of the 2017 season!



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