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UPDATE: MCAS Yuma Introduces Patriot Festival 2016

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (February 22, 2016) – The Patriot Festival is scheduled to be held at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, February 27, 2016.

"We are undertaking something completely new to bring our great community together. Alternating between the Patriot Festival and the Yuma Airshow allows us to diversify the style of entertainment while retaining the spirit of a large-scale public event. Our goal is to have something enjoyable for everyone at this event and demonstrate the military's appreciation for the great community of Yuma," said Col. Ricardo Martinez, commanding officer of MCAS Yuma.

Day events, open to the general public starting at 8:00 a.m., will include a "Marine Corps Battle Challenge" obstacle course, Navy Cross recipient and motivational speaker Gunnery Sgt. Juan RodriguezChavez, a kids' area, aircraft and military vehicle static displays, performers from Circus Vargas, and local bands. Merchandise and food vendors will also be available.

The evening concert will start at 6:00 p.m. and will feature musical performances by two of this year's most popular Country Music Award nominees, Maddie & Tae and David Nail. The evening concerts require paid entrance. Tickets will be available for purchase online at <http://www.yumapatriotfest.org>.

Media interested in pre-scheduling interviews with Patriot Festival subject matter experts must R.S.V.P. no later than 8:00 a.m., Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Please contact the MCAS Yuma Public Affairs Office at Yuma_PAO@usmc.mil to confirm. Any confirmations must include name of organization and the names and phone numbers of media representatives attending.