



MEDIA ALERT

Community Event - American Heroes Air Show
Austin, Texas

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AMERICAN HEROES AIR SHOW RETURNS TO HISTORIC CAMP MABRY

Buckle up the entire family for high-flying excitement when the AMERICAN HEROES Air Show, the nation's premier aviation event devoted exclusively to helicopters, teams up with the Texas Military Department's annual OPEN HOUSE at Camp Mabry in the heart of Austin.

Since it's inception in 1993 near Los Angeles, this admission-free event has grown from coast to coast by introducing the public to the unique capabilities and critical role helicopters play in communities every day. Texas Event Co-Director Wut Tantaksinanukij, with the Austin PD Aviation Section, invites families to attend this admission-free event and get an up-close look at these go-fast, high-tech aircraft as well as meet the crews and learn how they are on the front lines every day of homeland security, national defense and public service.

Event Co-Director Tantaksinanukij invites the Central Texas community to meet the helicopter crews and get a special education about the unique capabilities of rotary-wing aviation in public safety. . "I know all the crews are looking forward to meeting our event guests ...which many of us serve on a daily basis," Tantaksinanukij explained. "The helicopters and specialized equipment on display are also a great centerpiece for the community to learn about careers in law enforcement, aviation and public service. The American Heroes Air Show provides us with a unique opportunity to spend time with the public and answer questions about our unique mission -- *that gives me a great feeling,*" Tantaksinanukij added.

American Heroes : More than Just an Air Show

With more than just action-packed helicopters, the AMERICAN HEROES Air Show once again welcomes the *Cost of Freedom Tribute* presentation from the American Veteran's Traveling Tribute [www.AVTT.org] with their emotional centerpiece: a scale replica of the iconic Vietnam Memorial Wall. The *AVTT Cost of Freedom Tribute* will arrive Thursday via a colorful motorcycle escort from NAPALM Motorsports after which the Vietnam Memorial Wall will be available admission-free in order for the public to HONOR - RESPECT - REMEMBER those who have sacrificed their lives for our country's freedom.

Also, on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. the **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services** invites the Austin community to participate in a special Naturalization ceremony as serving members of the U.S. military and others stand before family and friends, recite their Oath of Allegiance and become our newest U.S. Citizens with AVTT's Vietnam Memorial Wall providing the emotional backdrop.

" ... they've always been our heroes, ... we invite the community to join us as they become our newest American citizens ..."

Wut Tantaksinanukij

American Heroes Air Show, Volunteer Event Co-Director

The community is also invited to a special Memorial Service hosted by the **Missing in America Project** and Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes Sunday at 11 am. The *Missing In America Project* [www.miap.us] team of volunteers work around the country to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed, cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. The Memorial Service will recognize these military veterans, honor their service and celebrate their rescue from storage before their interment in a suitable cemetery.

"This service will be a memorable way for the community to finally recognize and honor these long-lost heroes that served our country", said Wut Tantaksinanukij, Volunteer Co-Event Director of Austin's American Heroes Air Show. "We are honored the *Missing In America Project* is teaming up with the AMERICAN HEROES Air Show to remind the community it's never too late to honor our American Heroes for their military service."

The event also features the popular **CODE3 Career Fair** which offers the community a rare chance to meet recruiting teams from law enforcement, public safety, government service, volunteer agencies and the military who are on-scene to profile their mission and provide information on their hiring, training and application processes. Private schools join the action to profile their curriculum and scheduled classes in Criminal Justice, Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Continuing a long tradition at American Heroes Air Shows around the country, collectible event trading cards will be available and free in limited quantities to early-bird event arrivals. These popular trading cards feature photos of participating aircraft plus flight performance and mission profiles.

This exciting weekend also offers families exciting military reenactments that recreate significant U.S. military engagements throughout history, along with musical entertainment, concessions, exciting demonstrations and public service themed activities for the entire family.

For our tenth year the AMERICAN HEROES Air Show is proud to be part of the annual, admission-free Texas Military Department's OPEN HOUSE at historic Camp Mabry in the heart of Austin.

Date: Texas Military Department's OPEN HOUSE
Featuring the AMERICAN HEROES Air Show
Saturday & Sunday April 16 & 17 2016 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION and PARKING all weekend.

** Valid ID is required for access to Camp Mabry

** The AVTT *Cost of Freedom Tribute* featuring a replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall is available for public viewing Friday through Sunday

Location: **Texas Military Department Headquarters – Camp Mabry**
2200 West 35th Street Austin, Texas 78703

Event details are available on our event websites:

www.TMD.texas.gov

www.Heroes-Airshow.com

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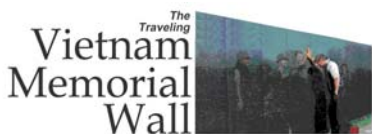
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