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**CALENDAR ITEM:
Armed Forces Day at Navy Pier**

Armed Forces Day is a chance to honor the men and women who have bravely served our country in the name of freedom.

Who

Navy Pier is honored to welcome men and women from the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

What

Free activities, military musical performances, obstacle courses and challenges, interactive technology displays and more!

When

Saturday, May 16, 2009 Noon – 5 P.M.

Where

Gateway Park

- Army: Inflatable obstacle course, rock climbing wall, recruiting station
- Navy: Operable flight simulator and recruiters
- Air Force: KC-135 cockpit boom pod, life support & survival equipment, Ricky the Recruiter
- Marines: Robotics, technology and vehicle displays, martial arts, combat fitness demonstrations and museum exhibits
- Coast Guard: Sea Partners program display, USCG boat, interactive civilian heaving line

Dock Street Stage

- Enjoy live music and entertainment by military bands and local artists

Family Pavilion Stage

- Radio Disney presents the "Practically Perfect Tea Party" (3:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.)
- Pup TV
- Battle for the Booty featuring The Buccaneers
- Patriotic Show - Ken the Flying Fool

Skyline Stage 8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (FREE Concert)

- Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon
- Marine Drum and Bugle Corps
- 29Palms Marine Band

Additional Information

- Armed Forces day was first announced in 1949 during President Truman's administration.
- Navy Pier is also celebrating Marine Week Chicago – visit our website for more events and times!