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**CITY OF DUBLIN TO CELEBRATE THE 250th BIRTHDAY
OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY**
Parks Reserve Forces Training Area an Integral Part of Dublin's History

DUBLIN, Calif., May 15, 2025 – The City of Dublin, California, holds a unique and profound connection to the United States Army, making the celebration of the Army's 250th birthday on June 14, 2025, a momentous occasion for the community. To show its support of the U.S. Army and the many men and women in their ranks, Dublin will present a special event from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Don Biddle Community Park, 6100 Horizon Parkway.

Central to this bond is the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA), commonly known as Camp Parks, which has been an integral part of Dublin's history and development. Established in 1943 as a Navy base for the Seabees during World War II, Camp Parks has evolved over the decades, serving various military branches and missions. Today, it functions as a vital training center for over 20,000 Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, underscoring its ongoing significance to national defense and the local community.

Many soldiers, airmen, sailors, doctors, and nurses spent significant time at Camp Parks. Following their years in the armed forces, many returned to Dublin after they retired from active duty. The temperate climate, inventory of homes, and access to post-war jobs made Dublin an attractive place to set down roots.

In recognition of Camp Parks' significant role in Dublin's rich history, the City, in collaboration with PRFTA, is organizing a special event to honor the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. Army. The upcoming celebration is more than a commemoration of the Army's founding; it is a tribute to the enduring partnership between the military and the City of Dublin. This event aims to foster community spirit, pride, and remembrance, bringing together residents, veterans, and service members

to reflect on the Army's legacy and its impact on Dublin's transformation from a rural crossroads to a thriving city.

At the event, vintage military vehicles and uniforms will be on display, and military personnel will put on live demonstrations. A recognition of prisoners of war and those missing in action will also take place, acknowledging the many sacrifices made in service to our country.

The event will also feature live entertainment from the U.S. Army Band and other talented local artists. Additionally, military and veterans organizations will be on hand, along with games, food, and crafts.

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