

News Release
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Sirens, Horns Will Salute Troops September 6, 7:45 a.m.

OLYMPIA - When you see lights flashing and hear sirens sounding on the Port of Olympia docks on Sept. 6, 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., there's no need to be alarmed! It is not an emergency, but rather a celebration.

The date marks the 57th Annual Foofaraw event. Each year, the Thurston County Chamber and the Olympia Yacht Club transport and host over 225 active duty military men and women at Island Home, a private island owned by the Olympia Yacht Club.

As vessels carrying military members pass the Port, they will see the American flag flying above the marine terminal and receive a salute from members of the Port of Olympia staff and Harbor Patrol, Olympia Fire and Police Departments, Lacey Fire and Police Departments, Tumwater Fire Department, Thurston County Sheriff's Department, Washington State Patrol, ILWU Local #47, Weyerhaeuser and Securitas Inc. The Port is proud to support this event and honor the many active-duty and retired military personnel that call Thurston County home.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deep-water port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.

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