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CAMP DODGE TO HOST 2013 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT HISTORIC CAMP DODGE POOL COMPLEX

Iowa-based Bands to Perform Five-Concert Series, May 30 – June 27

The Adjutant General of Iowa, Maj. Gen. Tim Orr, cordially invites you to Camp Dodge for the 2013 Adjutant General's Summer Concert Series at the historic Camp Dodge pool complex, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston. The concert series, which is free and open to the public, consists of five concerts on successive Thursdays, beginning May 30 and ending June 27. Concerts start at 7 p.m. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Concessions from local vendors will be available and coolers and picnic baskets are also welcome. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled, if possible.

The Iowa-based bands playing at the historic Camp Dodge pool complex include Latin/rock band *The Tony Valdez Large Band* (May 30); classic 1950s band *Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50's* (June 6) (this concert will include a classic car show starting at 4:30 p.m.); rock/alternative country band *The Nadas* (June 13); blues and blues-infused rock band, *The Electric Koolaid Trio* (June 20); and vintage country, rockabilly, and jump blues band, *The El Dorados* (June 27).

Visitors can enter Camp Dodge through either the main gate at NW 70th Ave., Johnston or the historic East Gate at 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston. Photo identification (a driver's license is acceptable) is required for admittance to Camp Dodge for individuals 16 years of age and older.

Note that ALL motorcyclists (drivers and passengers) on Camp Dodge are required by Dept. of Defense policy to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) consisting of helmet, eye protection (full-face shield or goggles or sunglasses), gloves, long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, and over-the-ankle footwear while traveling on Camp Dodge. Motorcyclists without the required PPE may park their motorcycles at the NW Beaver Drive gate turnaround and walk to the pool complex (approximately three blocks).

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For more on the Adjutant General’s Summer Concert Series, samples of the featured performers, concert cancellations, or the latest news on the Iowa National Guard, follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/IowaNationalGuard> or on Twitter; @IowaNatGuard or at www.iowanationalguard.com .

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A cornerstone of Camp Dodge history, the Camp Dodge pool complex was built in 1922 to promote health and fitness for Iowa National Guard recruits and Soldiers after World War I. The Camp Dodge pool complex was part of a post-wide plan created by the Des Moines landscape architectural firm of Pearse, Robinson, and Sprague.

Costing \$87,000 (\$1,152,239. 82 in today’s dollars) to construct, it became clear to the Iowa National Guard leadership that the Camp Dodge pool complex could serve more than the members of the Iowa National Guard. In the mid-1920s, the Des Moines Playground Association stepped up to manage the pool’s operation and did so until the pool closed in 2002.

Believed to be the world’s largest outdoor filtered swimming pool at the time of its construction, the pool was built to hold 2,000 bathers and took nearly three million gallons of water to fill. As part of the pool’s long and rich history, President Ronald Reagan swam at the pool often during his tenure as a sportscaster at WHO Radio in Des Moines in the 1930s, and the pool house shower area was used by Des Moines-area residents during the flood of 1993, when the city of Des Moines lost its water plant.

Renovation of the pool complex was completed in 2011 as part of a \$1.7 million adaptive reuse initiative executed by the federal government, the State of Iowa, and the Iowa National Guard. Today, the Camp Dodge pool complex provides indoor and outdoor meeting spaces to include conference rooms and dining space, both for military and public use. The pool complex was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995; the multi-functional campus preserves historically-significant structures such as the pool pavilion, Works Progress Administration-built concession stand, and the swimming pool rim. The renovation project also added outdoor seating areas, a pool house porch extension, concession stand patio, reviewing stand, and additional parking.

These new elements draw from the historic materials, style and scale already in place to create a unique, cohesive campus. The Spanish-influenced architecture is readily evident throughout the Camp Dodge pool complex structures.

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