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IOWA NATIONAL GUARD TO HOST 2018 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT HISTORIC CAMP DODGE POOL PAVILION COMPLEX

Bands with Iowa ties to perform Thursday evenings May 24 – July 19

Maj. Gen. Tim Orr, the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, invites the public to the Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center (CDJMTC) for the 2018 Adjutant General's Summer Concert Series at the historic Camp Dodge Pool Pavilion complex, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston. This concert series is in its eighth consecutive season and is free and open to the public. The Thursday evening concerts begin May 24 and run through July 19 with a one week break for Johnston Green Days which are June 14-17. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

The 2018 Adjutant General's Summer Concert Series lineup includes:

- May 24 – *Brother Trucker* – A central Iowa favorite featuring roots, Americana and alternative country. **Summer Kickoff Block Party** – Come tailgate and bring your neighbors!
- May 31 – *The Sons of Gladys Kravitz* – Classic rock and pop stylings.
Collegiate Team Colors night - wear your favorite team colors in honor of an Iowa legend. Prior to the concert, former Iowa quarterback Chuck Long will talk about Heisman trophy winner, Nile Kinnick, and the University of Iowa football program at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum starting at 6 p.m.
- June 7 – *Red Dirt Renegades* – A blend of outlaw country, southern rock and roots rock.
Classic car and motorcycle show – This concert will also include a classic car and motorcycle show starting at 4:30 p.m. with reserved parking for participating vehicles.
- June 14 – *No concert* – Enjoy Johnston Green Days, June 14-17. For a schedule of events, go to <http://johnstongreendays.org/event-schedule/>
- June 21 – *Danika Portz* – Original and radio pop hits.

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- June 28 – *42 Romeo* – The Iowa Army National Guard’s pop and classic rock band.
Military Heritage Night – Wear your favorite red, white and blue!
- July 5 – *Richard Arndt & The Brew* – Rock, blues and bottle tonk.
Celebrating the **100th birthday of the Army Warrant Officer Corps**
- July 12 – *Abby Normal* – Classic ‘80s rock.
- July 19 – *Tony Valdez* – Latin, rock, funk and more!

Concessions are available from local vendors; coolers, picnic baskets and tailgating are also encouraged. Be sure to bring lawn chairs.

Visitors can enter CDJMTC for concerts through either the main gate at 7105 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 individuals 16 years of age and older.

ALL motorcyclists (drivers and passengers) on CDJMTC are required by Department 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 operating on CDJMTC. 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).

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

Costing \$87,000 (\$1,152,239.82 in today’s dollars) to construct, it became clear 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 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.

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