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MEDIA ALERT-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Parachute Riggers to Give Demonstrations at Armed Forces Day 2008

CITY ISLAND, HARRISBURG, Pa.—Army Parachute Riggers from the Defense Distribution Center installation in New Cumberland, Pa., will give parachute packing demonstrations during Armed Forces Day at Harrisburg City Island here May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Systems used for free-fall jumps and cargo airdrops as well as other items used by the Army Parachute Riggers will also be on display.

The Army Parachute Riggers will allow children to wear parachutes for photos, so parents should bring digital cameras.

The primary mission of the Army Parachute Riggers at the Defense Distribution Center installation is to inspect, repair, modify, pack, store, and issue aerial delivery equipment and related items for the Department of Defense.

Now in its seventh year, Armed Forces Day will once again transform City Island into a sprawling and bustling military base. In addition to the IPMS display, visitors will experience nearly 80 indoor and outdoor military equipment displays, musical performances, exhibitions, living history demonstrations, and family and children's activities like face painting, laser marksmanship, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, and various sports challenges. All of these events are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, and will take place rain or shine. A variety of tasty foods will also be available.

The day's activities kick off with a YMCA 5-K Run/Walk at 8:00 am followed by joint service military displays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; this year's opening ceremony will take place at 11:00 am.

The official Armed Forces Day website <http://www.harrisburgevents.com> has been recently enhanced to provide the public with the latest information on the exhibits, programs, and displays highlighting this year's fun-filled event.

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