



OPERATION APPRECIATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is Operation Appreciation Free?

Yes! Operation Appreciation is open to the public and all activities are free to active duty military and their dependents.

2. What do I need to bring to participate?

You must bring your Active Duty Military ID Card to get the free meal and rides. There are 2 Military ID Booths available to get your wristbands.

3. I am a grandparent/aunt/uncle or legal guardian taking care of my military family's child(ren), can I bring him/her down to the event too?

Yes! We realize that many parents are deployed and families are helping care for the children left at home. All we ask is that you bring the child's Military ID Card and we will get you situated from there.

4. Can the public ride the rides and take advantage of the festivities too?

Yes! Wristbands, for unlimited rides in the children's area, are available for purchase for \$10 per person.

5. What kind of full meal can I expect?

Hunters Steak House of Oceanside will be serving Santa Maria Style Tri-Tip Sirloin or Chicken Sandwiches, Homemade Red Skin Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Piquito Beans, with Fresh Mild Salsa, Sweet BBQ Sauce, Cookies and Water and Soda. One free meal is available for each active duty military and dependent. Hunters Steak House as well as other beach vendors will have food available for purchase to the public.

6. Who is the entertainment and are they family friendly?

Get Rockin' and JW & The Cruizers are some great local talent playing the classics and favorites for all generations and will surely get you moving to the beats! Best of all, it is free for everyone!

7. Is this event open to Vendors?

The only vendors that will be at Operation Appreciation are the Event Sponsors. Sponsors will have information on products and services they offer specifically for the military as well as giveaways and prizes. There is no selling at this event.

For Sponsorship information please go to <http://www.oceansidechamber.com/forms/oasponsor.pdf>

8. What's going on at the beach?

The beach will be chalk full of military and amphibious vehicles that people of all ages can climb aboard, check out, and meet the military personnel who run the equipment. If you really want to see something cool, watch for the LCAC to leave at 5:00 pm. Listen to the lifeguards when they tell you to stay back, the LCAC whips up some serious sand and ocean spray as it leaves.

9. Where do I park?

Parking is available in many of the surrounding lots and you can park for FREE in the Oceanside Transit Center Parking Structure located at Cleveland St. and Seagaze Dr.. For more directions and parking information, please download the Parking Map/Directions PDF from the event website.

10. I am retired Military, can I get everything free too?

As much as we value your service to our country, the free food and rides are only available to current active duty military. We would love for you to come down to the event anyway! Operation Appreciation is about thanks to our military and we will thank you too!