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**ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR & ALFALFA FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
2018 MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**

Lancaster, CA. — The 80th Annual Antelope Valley Fair & Alfalfa Festival “Holy Cow We’re 80 Now!”, will honor active and retired Military on Military Appreciation Day, presented by Budweiser, co-sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and National Electrical Contractors Association (IBEW/NECA), on Thursday, August 23rd.

On Thursday, August 23rd, Fair admission will be free for all active and retired military and their dependents starting at 4pm. From 4pm to 7pm, free branch insignia lanyards, courtesy of Budweiser, will be distributed to military servicemen and women at a special main gate entrance. Free Military “Loved Ones” dog tags sponsored by IBEW/NECA will be given to military dependents and free photographers with the Bombshell Betty Calendar Pin Up Girls will also be available to Military Day attendees.

Military Appreciation Day also provides “Buy a Buddy a Brew” pay-it-forward opportunities, where Fair patrons can buy a domestic beer at any bar, indicate a military branch, and the next active or retired military personnel with ID from that branch will get the paid-forward beer.

Prior to the start of the Rally Kia Arena Event, Figure 8 Race sponsored by Cullen Insurance, the Joe Walker Middle School Civil Air Patrol cadets will present the colors, and the national anthem and all five military branch anthems will be performed by the Palmdale High School Chamber Singers under the direction of Mr. Mike McCullough at 7:30p.m.

All-time favorite performer, Rat Pack Ricky (aka Ricky Medlin - RatPackRicky.com), will pay homage to musical superstars including, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and others in a tribute performance in the Marco and Sandra Johnson Foundation Grand Oasis. Medlin, is known for his notable all-American sound, performing music from the “Great American Songbook.”

Military Day event schedules and all Fair activity are available on the Antelope Valley Fair app or at www.avfair.com.

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