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HORSES HEALING MARYLAND'S MILITARY (HHMM) TO HOST MILITARY RIDING SHOWCASE AT THE 136th unFAIRgettable MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR

Timonium, MD – Horses Healing Maryland's Military is pleased to partner with the Maryland Horse Industry Board, the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon, 3d Infantry Regiment, the Baltimore Mounted Police Unit and other mounted Police units to host a Military Riding Showcase on Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 from 1:30 pm to 8pm in the Horse Show Ring, at the 2017 unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair, 2200 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093.

This HHMM event, from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., will feature Veteran riders from HHMM programs from around the state, as well as riders and horses from the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon, a Military Tribute, Old Guard history presentation, Freedom Hills Veterans Drill Team, Star Equestrian Center Veterans Drill Team and Riding Classes for Veterans and Military riders (Equitation/ Advanced Equitation, and Obstacle Classes). The Mounted Police Obstacle Classes and more will take place from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

"Maryland's horse industry is extremely proud and fortunate to have many horsemanship programs and organizations in our state devoted to our veterans, first responders and their families. This event at the Fair gives us the opportunity to not only pay tribute to these programs and the horses and riders that participate in them, but to build awareness of the many benefits folks receive from interaction with horses," said Ross Peddicord, Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board. "Horses have been our partners in many aspects for thousands of years and are continuing to do so in the 21st century."

Visitors can learn more about the programs that assist our Veterans and enjoy seeing Maryland's Mounted Military history up close. To learn more about the event, contact Laura Lane-Unsworth at 301-730-6343 or Laura@BraveHeartRiding.org.

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The 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment that are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, opens **Thursday, August 24 with a Ridemania Preview night and runs through Monday, September 4, 2017. General Fair hours are Noon to 10 PM, Monday through Friday and 12 Noon to 10 PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day Monday. See below for detailed Fair Hours.**

Hear **Live National and Local Entertainment** featuring **Halestorm** with opening act **Fatally Yours**; and, **Sabrina Carpenter** with opening artist **Alex Aiono**. Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway or Kiddie Land tame rides**. Taste a feast of **Fair and farm foods**. Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**; Explore the **4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden, Exhibition Hall and the Mosner/Miller Museum/DNR Buildings** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits. See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. **Participate in U-Learn Farm agriculture education activities, Nature Play Space** and more.

The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden and Exhibition Hall hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays – Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. Main Midway and Kiddie Land rides, games and food stands area hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – Close and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10AM – Close. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for schedule.

Admission to the Fair is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (62 and older) and \$3 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5. Taking the Light Rail is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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