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**HORSES HEALING MARYLAND'S MILITARY (HHMM) TO HOST MILITARY VETERANS AND MOUNTED POLICE HORSE SHOW AT THE 137<sup>th</sup> MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR**

**MORE THAN A FAIR, WE'RE A CULTURE...HorseCULTURE!**

TIMONIUM, MD – More Than A Fair, We're A Culture...HorseCULTURE! Horses Healing Maryland's Military (HHMM) is pleased to partner with the Maryland Horse Industry Board, the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon, 3d Infantry Regiment, and a variety of mounted Police units to host the ***Military Veterans and Mounted Police Horse Show*** at the 2018 MY Maryland State Fair. The Horseland special event will take place on Friday, August 31, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Horse Show Ring,

*The Military Veterans and Mounted Police Show* will feature: a **Military Tribute**; the **U.S. Army Caisson Platoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment**; **Baltimore and other Mounted Police units**; **Freedom Hills Veterans Drill Team, Star Equestrian Center Veterans Drill Team, Old Guard military history presentation**, and more.

"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."

HHMM is a coalition of licensed Maryland stables offering therapeutic programs to veterans and their families. Fairgoers 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 Founder & Brave HEART Program Ex. Director Laura Lane-Unsworth at 301-730-6343 or [Laura@BraveHeartRiding.org](mailto:Laura@BraveHeartRiding.org).

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**More Than A Fair, We’re A Culture! The 137th MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination** complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment 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, starts with **M&T Bank presents Fox-45FAMFest Preview Night with Ridemania, on Thursday, August 23 from 5 PM – 9 PM in the State Fair Park. Midway rides, games and food areas open until 11 PM. Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 24 through Monday, September 3, 2018.** General Fair hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 10 PM, Saturdays, Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to 8 PM.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the **M&T Bank Presents LIVE! OnTrack! Concert Series**, featuring celebrated new Country artists **Chase Bryant** and **Chris Lane** on August 24; and, Rock band **Smash Mouth** on August 25; Legendary Classic Rockers **Jefferson Starship** on September 1; and, Country music sensation **Chris Janson** on September 2. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the **LIVE! OnTrack!** Infield.

Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land** play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday-Thursday, 12 Noon-close and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day, Monday, 10 AM–close.

Explore **The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden Buildings, and The Exhibition Hall** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits, Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. **The Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building** closes daily at 8 PM.

See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend the livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com) for 4-H and Open Class Show schedules.

Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**, Friday, August 24 – Sunday, August 26 and Friday, August 31 – Monday, September 3. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at U-Learn Farm, U-Learn Food & Fiber, The Birthing Center**, the **Innovation Station, Horseland, Nature Play Space**, and more at various times throughout the Fair.

**Admission to the Fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62 and older) and \$5 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. **Uber and LYFT drop-off** and pick-up areas in the Deereco Road Park & Ride Lot. Visit [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com).