

## **News Release**

**September 5, 2017**

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*An Olympia Fire Department Firefighter shows appreciation for military personnel*

## **Sirens, Horns Will Salute Troops September 8, 7:45 AM**

When you see lights flashing and hear sirens sounding on the Port of Olympia docks on Sept. 8, 7:45 AM to 9:00 AM, please do not be alarmed! It is not an emergency. It is the Port and local “First Responders” joining with the Olympia Yacht Club and Thurston County Chamber in honoring our Armed Forces with the 55th Annual Foofaraw.

On Friday, September 8, the Thurston County Chamber and the Olympia Yacht Club will host over 225 active duty military men and women at Island Home, a private island owned by the Olympia Yacht Club.

As vessels carrying military members pass the Port, they will see the American flag flying above the marine terminal and the salute from members of the Port of Olympia staff and Harbor Patrol, Olympia Fire and Police Departments, Lacey Fire and Police Department, Thurston County Sheriff's Department, ILWU Local 47, Weyerhaeuser and Brusco Tug & Barge.

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**About the Port of Olympia**

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haul-out/repair facility, a regional airport and a growing real estate division.

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