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RED WHITE AND BLUE . . . WE WANT YOU in the merry month of May! You can *WAVE YOUR FLAG* the weekend of May 15th-17th, at these star spangled activities:

- **Military Exhibit Displays** throughout the weekend, including aircraft, vehicles & support equipment at the Del Amo Fashion Center Parking Lot east of the Life-style Wing
- **Concerts** on Friday (1:30 PM & 7:30 PM) at the Armstrong Theatre featuring the Armed Force Band of the Golden West
- **Parade** on Saturday along Torrance Blvd. from Crenshaw to Madrona featuring military members, bands, Veterans, equipment, marching groups and more!

This year's honored branch in the 56th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade is the **United States Coast Guard**. Torrance will also pay tribute to our **Hometown Hero, Louis Zamperini!** His son, daughter, and grandson will all ride in the parade, and a special flyover will take place in his memory.

All Armed Forces Day events are FREE! Check out City website for all the details: www.torranceca.gov/27207.htm. *Lots of Family Fun!* And . . . be sure to always check out OTNA's website for events, community issues and affairs, and much more: www.OldTorranceNeighbors.org.

The following week, on **Wednesday, May 20th**, we'll have our OTNA Meeting at the Bartlett Center with special guest speaker Michael George, Librarian and local historian. Mike is back by popular demand with his *"If these Walls Could Talk"* program featuring very timely information on how to research your home. With the Community Development Dept.'s Public Workshops regarding a potential Historic District in Old Torrance held recently, it's a good opportunity to see just how easy it is to find out about your house. Social begins at 7:00 PM with **Torrance Bakery cookies** followed by a brief meeting and introduction of our local sponsor, Kevin Bidenkap, Certified Financial Planner, of **Tortuga Wealth Management**: www.TortugaWealth.com.

Neighborhood Clean-up, under the direction of the new Project Manager, Elaine Thompson, will be **Saturday, May 23rd**. **Tailgate**, with **coffee & muffins**, in the Volunteer Center parking lot (1234 Cravens Ave.) at 8:30 AM, and then it's off to spend a couple hours **beautifying Old Torrance**.

On **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th**, you're invited to join community members at the City of Torrance **Veterans' Memorial** (corner of Maple Ave. and Torrance Blvd.) for a special program sponsored by the Torrance Historical Society — Reading of the *Names of the Wall*. This very **patriotic and respected event** is free and begins at 2:00 PM.

Put on your walking shoes for the Torrance Historical Society in kicking off their first-of-the-season docent-led **Walking Tour of Old Torrance** on Sunday, May 31st, at 1:30 PM. It's free, lasts 90 minutes.

Be sure and put out your flag and wear your red, white & blue. *Remember . . . we are an All America City!*

Thanks for all you do to make our neighborhood great! Sincerely, **Janet Payne, OTNA President**