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## Free Flag Day Ceremony and Hands-On, Patriotic Kids' Activities at Fort Vancouver

VANCOUVER, WA, June 7— On Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, celebrate Flag Day with the community at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Flag Day at Fort Vancouver, a free family event presented by The Historic Trust and Davidson & Associates Insurance representing Pemco Insurance. The celebration begins 5pm at The Bandstand at Fort Vancouver National Site, across from the Grant House, 1101 Officers Row.

The Flag Day ceremony will include a presentation of the colors by the 142 FW Base Honor Guard, National Anthem performed by Northwest Harmony Chorus, raising of the Garrison flag (the largest size American flag used by the army) by the National Parks Service, US History Quiz (Sunset Elementary 5th Grade Students vs. Clark County Mayors), and the annual Clark County Mayors' Patriotic Tie Contest.

Ceremony is followed by patriotic kids' activities including learning proper flag etiquette, singing patriotic songs, mastering marching, touring a historic landmark, and coloring Washington state symbols. Activities are free and open to the public, and Brownie Girl Scouts have the opportunity to earn their Celebrating Community badge by completing the activities. Pre-registration required to earn badge, visit <u>https://thehistorictrust.org/girl-scout-flag-day-badge-registration-form/</u> to register.

Flag Day at Fort Vancouver is a part of The Historic Trust's Celebrate Freedom program, a series of festive and educational events and programs aimed at inspiring all generations and strengthening community values of leadership, public service, patriotism and lifelong learning. The Historic Trust's Celebrate Freedom program includes favorite community events like Vancouver's Fireworks Spectacular on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, The Veterans' Parade, The Marshall Public & Youth Leadership Awards, and Marshall Lectures.

"I have had the pleasure of attending the Flag Day celebration for the past 12 years" says The Historic Trust President and CEO Mike True. "It is truly moving seeing veterans, public servants, and the community come together on Flag Day every year to celebrate our flag and inspire patriotism in our youth."

In addition to sponsoring Flag Day at Fort Vancouver, Davidson & Associates Insurance is holding a free community Flag Exchange for the third year running. "Flag Day is such an important way to celebrate our country and Vancouver's strong commitment to patriotism," said Bruce Davidson, President of sponsor Davidson & Associates Insurance. "We are honored to offer new "stars and stripes" to our residents and to sponsor Flag Day events at Fort Vancouver on June 14."

June 11-15, 8am to 5pm, residents can exchange their old US flag for a new 3' x 5' flag at the Davidson office, 610 Esther Street, Suite 101 in downtown Vancouver. New flags are available while supplies last, Davidson will accept all old US flags for retirement. Exchanged flags should be removed

from poles and dried if wet. Fort Vancouver District Boy Scouts of America will perform proper flag retirement ceremonies for all exchanged flags. For more information on the Flag Exchange, contact Davidson & Associates Insurance at 360-514-9550.

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