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REAGAN LIBRARY & MILITARYCONNECTION.COM PRESENT
3rd Annual 9-11 Freedom Walk

WHAT:

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library (www.reaganlibrary.com) is joining forces with MilitaryConnection.com to bring to our city the **third annual Simi Valley Freedom Walk** on Thursday, September 11th. Please join us as we remember the victims of September 11th, and honor our troops who continue to fight for freedom.

PROGRAM:

4:15PM Pre-program patriotic music; 1st Marine Division Band, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton

5:00PM

Program begins, which includes:

- Colonel James Seaton, Commanding Officer, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton
- Army Sergeant Neil Duncan who lost both of his legs in 2005 when an IED ripped through his humvee in Afghanistan
- Brad Burlingame, whose brother, Captain Charles Burlingame III, lost his life as the pilot of American Airlines flight 77 when it was hijacked and flown into the U.S. Pentagon
- F-18 Flyover

5:30PM Walk begins – The 1.8 mile route will begin in the Reagan Library’s courtyard and will conclude at Rancho Madera Community Park off of Wood Ranch Parkway.

6:00PM Walk concludes. Light refreshments will be offered and Air National Guard Band of the Southwest will provide post-program musical entertainment at the park. Complementary shuttle service will return the participants to their cars at the Library.

To register, go to www.militaryconnection.com and click on “Simi Valley Freedom Walk”, or call 805-522-2977. **The first 1,000 people who register for the walk will receive a free “Freedom Walk” t-shirt and an American flag.**

Also, from September 1st through September 30th the **Reagan Library will be collecting donations for U.S. Soldiers** fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan in the Library’s main lobby. Items must be unwrapped and in original packaging, including: packets of trail mix, peanuts, gum, hard candy and beef jerky; snacks that are not heat sensitive and will not melt in hot temperatures; individual packets of lemonade or Crystal Light for water bottles; CDs and DVDs; used video games; AA batteries; stationery; and pre-paid phone cards. Only miniature hygiene items will be accepted.

The Reagan Library and MilitaryConnection.com would like to thank American Airlines for their generous support of this event. Other event sponsors include:

Air National Guard of the Southwest; Black Aces of VFA-41, Lemoore, CA; Larry Borovay of Simi Valley; The City of Simi Valley; CocaCola Enterprises; Command Performance; The Jelly Belly Candy Company; Rebecca Kogen; Naval Base Ventura County; Neptune Productions; Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; The Red Cross of Ventura County; RoadRunner Shuttle; Starbucks of Simi Valley; The Flag Factory; USMC Camp Pendleton’s First Marine Division Band.

Where: The courtyard of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, 40 Presidential Drive, Simi Valley, CA

About the America Supports You Freedom Walk

The *America Supports You Freedom Walk* was created in 2005 to establish a national tradition of remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001, to renew our commitment to freedom and the values of our country, and to honor our veterans, past and present. For more information, visit www.americasupportsyoudo.com.

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