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WEST POINT HELLCATS TO PERFORM TWILIGHT TATTOO IN VIRGINIA— April 30, 2018

WEST POINT, N.Y. – On May 2, the U.S. Army Military District of Washington will welcome two prestigious organizations to the 7 p.m., Twilight Tattoo performance on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia.

Hosted by Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen, the 59th superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the May 2 pre-show will include performances from His Majesty the King's Guard of Norway and the West Point Band's field music group, the Hellcats.

Founded in 1865 by King Oscar I, HMKG is the military guard charged with ensuring the safety of the Norwegian Royal Family in times of peace, crisis and war. HMKG is organized as a four-company infantry battalion, with two rifle companies, one escort company and a headquarter company based at Huseby, Oslo.

HMKG has represented the Norwegian Military Forces abroad on many occasions to include performances during the Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Halifax, Canada, the Grand Place in Brussels, the Virginia International Tattoo in Norfolk, Virginia and the Swedish Army Tattoo in Stockholm. The Company also took part in the opening ceremony and medal ceremonies throughout the games during the Olympic Winter Games at Lillehammer in 1994.

The Hellcats are comprised of bugles, piccolos, and drums. The Corps of Cadets gave the Hellcats their name as a friendly jibe in response to the group's early morning playing of the wake-up call reveille every day at West Point. As the Army's first and only remaining field music group, the Hellcats trace their heritage back to the American Revolution, when General George Washington established the garrison of West Point and appointed a fifer and drummer for signaling in camp.

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