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Oakland A's to Honor Military Service Members on Tuesday with Military Appreciation Night

Fans can watch fireworks from the outfield grass following the game

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics will honor military service members with Military Appreciation Night on Tuesday, July 3, when the team hosts the San Diego Padres for a 6:05 p.m. matchup. Fans with a special event ticket for Military Appreciation Night will receive a patriotic baseball cap. Following the game, fans are invited onto the field to enjoy a pre-Independence Day fireworks display, presented by Chevrolet.

The day will begin with an Operation Care and Comfort volunteer event from noon to 2 p.m. in the Eastside Club lower lobby. A's players Chris Hatcher, Jonathan Lucroy, and Blake Treinen; members of the A's front office; fans; and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) employees will team up to assemble 300 care packages for deployed military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At 5 p.m., the A's will host a swearing-in ceremony for 75 United States Army and United State Air Force recruits on Championship Plaza. After taking the oath of enlistment, the recruits and a guest are invited to enjoy the A's game.

Prior to first pitch, the A's will present USO Bay Area, Operation Care and Comfort, and Swords to Plowshares each with a \$5,000 grant on the field.

The team will also recognize Chris Hatcher as a finalist for the 2018 Bob Feller Act of Valor Award. The award, named after the Hall of Fame pitcher who was the first MLB player to enlist after the attack on Pearl Harbor, recognizes players who demonstrate exemplary efforts in support of our service members. One of 12 finalists across MLB, Hatcher was nominated for his work with Combat Warriors Inc., an organization that honors and provides emotional and financial relief for combat veterans.

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