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## EXPERIENCE AN UNUSUAL WORLD WAR II EVENT *Sixth annual Great Los Angeles Air Raid re-creation at Fort MacArthur Museum*

**SAN PEDRO** – Fort MacArthur Museum, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility located at 3601 S. Gaffey St. (in Angels Gate Park) in San Pedro, will hold its sixth annual re-creation of the Great Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942 on Saturday, February 23, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The 66th anniversary of this significant World War II event will be held at a site that was involved in the actual episode and will include eyewitnesses to the unusual incident that happened just a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The evening's activities will also feature re-enactors using authentic military vehicles from the period, a 1940s style swing dance featuring the Jonathan Stout Orchestra (featuring Hilary Alexander), an after-dark searchlight display, and more.

Admission is \$20 per person; attendees are encouraged to dress for the time and experience one of the most fascinating and controversial events in Los Angeles history, a night when thousands of military personnel and civilians were convinced the city was being attacked by air. Guests will also be able to purchase food and beverages.

Tickets can be purchased in advance, or at the door as availability permits, and proceeds from the event will benefit the museum. For more information about the sixth annual Great Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942 re-creation, call (310) 548-2631, or go to [www.ftmac.org](http://www.ftmac.org).

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