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ATTEND A GREAT L.A. AIR RAID RE-CREATION

Intriguing World War II incident brought to life 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 seventh annual re-creation of the Great Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942 on Saturday, February 28, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 67th anniversary of this noteworthy World War II event will be held at a site that was involved in the actual episode and will include eyewitnesses to an unusual occurrence that happened just a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

From 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., special exhibits chronicling what happened can be viewed, including re-enactors using authentic military vehicles from the period.

From 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Dean Mora and the Fort MacArthur Officers Orchestra will play dance music that was popular in the 1940s; there will also be an after-dark searchlight display, and more. Don Wildman, host of the History Channel show “Cities of the Underworld,” will make a guest appearance.

Attendees are encouraged to dress for the period, but also for a cool evening, 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 are \$20 per person if purchased through the website www.ftmac.org; tickets at the door will be \$30 as availability permits. Proceeds from the event will benefit the museum. For more information about the 7th annual Great L.A. Air Raid re-creation, call (310) 548-2631.

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