

Freedom Fest Celebrates America's 250th Birthday with Food Trucks, Music, Veterans Tribute & Anthem Premiere

Freedom Fest 250 will unite Northeast Florida with live music, veterans tributes, family activities, food trucks, music, & the premiere of "America 250 Proof."

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Freedom Fest brings our community together to honor those who served, celebrate our nation's heritage, and mark America's 250th birthday with pride and gratitude.”

*Harrison Conyers, Director,
Military Affairs and Veterans
Department*

Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD) invites the community to celebrate freedom, honor military service, and commemorate America's 250th birthday at Freedom Fest on Friday, July 3, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Friendship Fountain in Downtown Jacksonville.

This free, family-friendly event will bring together veterans, active-duty military personnel, military families, and residents from across Northeast Florida for an evening of patriotic entertainment, live music, food trucks, family activities, and community exhibits

As one of Jacksonville's premier Independence Day celebrations, Freedom Fest honors the generations of Americans whose service and sacrifice have helped preserve the nation's freedoms.

“Freedom Fest represents everything that makes Jacksonville one of America's most military-friendly cities,” said Harrison Conyers, Director of the Military Affairs and Veterans Department for the City of Jacksonville. “As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, this event gives us an opportunity to honor those who have served, recognize the sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms, and bring our community together in a spirit of patriotism and gratitude.”

A featured highlight of the evening will be the live debut of “America 250 Proof,” a new patriotic anthem created to commemorate America's 250th anniversary. The anthem was written and produced by Florida songwriter and America 250 Proof founder Dave MacCutcheon (MAC) and

will be performed by featured vocalist Brian Iannucci. The recording also features acoustic and electric guitar performances by Mike Estes, formerly of Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The anthem serves as the foundation of the America 250 Proof initiative, an educational and community engagement platform designed to celebrate America's history through music, storytelling, and civic participation. Through programs such as the America 250 History Hunt™, participants are encouraged to explore the people, events, innovations, and defining moments that have shaped the nation.

"We created America 250 Proof to bring people together around our shared history and to honor the service, sacrifice, innovation, and perseverance that define the American story," said Dave MacCutcheon, founder of America 250 Proof.

"Jacksonville's vibrant arts community and deep military heritage make it the ideal place to introduce both the anthem and the educational platform as our nation prepares to celebrate 250 years of freedom."

Entertainment throughout the evening will feature performances by:

- Navy Pride
- Bold City Brass
- Sal Gonzales
- Emily Mikus
- M-A-C featuring Brian Iannucci performing the live premiere of "America 250 Proof"
- Big Engine

Attendees will also have opportunities to connect with local military organizations, veterans groups, and community partners dedicated to supporting service members and their families. The evening will conclude with a headline performance by Big Engine and a fireworks finale.

Admission is free, and the first 1,000 attendees will receive a complimentary apple pie.

Event Details

Freedom Fest 2026

Date: Friday, July 3, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.



The poster for Freedom Fest 2026 Jacksonville FL features a vibrant image of the Friendship Fountain at night, illuminated with red, white, and blue lights, set against a backdrop of the Jacksonville skyline and an American flag. The text "FREEDOM Fest" is prominently displayed at the top in a bold, stylized font. Below the image, the event details are listed: "JULY 3" from "5:30 PM" until "10:00 PM" at the "FRIENDSHIP FOUNTAIN". A "FREE EVENT" badge is in the top left corner. The poster also lists "LIVE BANDS!" including Bold City Brass, Navy Pride, MAC with Brian Iannucci (Live Premiere of America 250 Proof), Sal Gonzalez, Emily Mikus, and Big Engine. Other attractions include a "PATRIOTIC LIGHT & MUSIC SHOW", "FOOD TRUCKS", and "FREE APPLE PIES TO THE FIRST 1000 TO COME!". Sponsors listed include MAVO and JAX 250. The bottom of the poster features the slogan "CELEBRATE FREEDOM. CELEBRATE AMERICA." and the event title "Freedom Fest 2026 Jacksonville FL".

FREEDOM Fest

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AT FRIENDSHIP FOUNTAIN

LIVE BANDS!

- BOLD CITY BRASS
- NAVY PRIDE
- MAC with BRIAN IANNUCCI
LIVE PREMIERE OF AMERICA 250 PROOF
- SAL GONZALEZ
- EMILY MIKUS
- BIG ENGINE

Enjoy a **PATRIOTIC LIGHT & MUSIC SHOW** at Friendship Fountain!

FOOD TRUCKS

FREE APPLE PIES TO THE FIRST 1000 TO COME!

SPONSORED BY

- MAVO
- JAX 250
- WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

CELEBRATE FREEDOM. CELEBRATE AMERICA.

Freedom Fest 2026 Jacksonville FL

Location: Friendship Fountain, Jacksonville, Florida

Admission: Free

Special Giveaway: Complimentary apple pies for the first 1,000 attendees

About the City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department

The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD) provides free assistance and support services to veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. Services include benefits assistance, employment resources, housing support, financial guidance, legal referrals, wellness resources, and family support programs.

Through advocacy, community partnerships, and direct services, MAVD works to ensure those who served receive the respect, support, and opportunities they deserve.

About America 250 Proof

America 250 Proof is a Florida-based patriotic initiative created to commemorate America's 250th anniversary through music, education, storytelling, and community engagement. Anchored by its signature anthem, "America 250 Proof," the platform celebrates the people, milestones, and values that have shaped the nation while inspiring future generations to carry forward its legacy.

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