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**FIL FEST USA 2022**  
**SALUTING OUR MILITARY AND**  
**A CELEBRATION OF FILIPINO-AMERICAN CULTURE**  
**October 8 & 9 at Mt. Trashmore Park**  
***Honoring Joint Service Military Heroes***

(Virginia Beach, Va.) – In its eighth year, Fil Fest returns to Mt. Trashmore, recognizing Filipino-American History Month. This year’s theme: A Salute to the Military.

The two day free family-friendly community event scheduled for October 8 & 9 opens up with a Zumbathon and then kicked off with Mayor Dyer’s message and recognizing five military Next Geners from the Navy, Air Force and the Army. The most recent State Historical Highway marker in Virginia Beach commemorating Filipinos who have served in the US Navy and the recent approval of the naming of a Navy Destroyer, Telesforo Trinidad marking the first ever ship named after a Filipino gives headway to history in the making and noteworthy to celebrate.

These historical events reflect the rich history and culture of the Navy and the Filipino Community, celebrating two institutions that have had a great impact to the Hampton Roads. This honor will recognize the service of all who have served and currently serve and to inspire next generations of all military service branches.

Key Sponsors are Moke America of Virginia Beach, Rivers Casino of Portsmouth, TowneBank, Navy Federal Credit Union, Republican Party of Virginia Beach, Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial, Virginia Beach Sheriff’s Office, Gardner & Mendoza and the Virginia Beach Democratic Party. The Filipino Channel (TFC) and MYX partners with Fil Fest in bringing emerging Filipino American artists to Coastal Virginia.

Special Programming will include a TFC Hour that will showcase both recording artists: Ashley Mehta and Annie Lux both TikTok and YouTube Sensations. Enjoy cultural dances, songs and activities from local and regional talent dance groups such as Young Filipino American Modern Dance (YFAMD) and Sayaw Diversity dance troupes.

With the area now home to more than 120,000 Filipinos/Filipino Americans, many who deployed into the area via the World’s largest naval base, the synergy from this intergenerational event will celebrate Coastal Virginia’s Filipino diaspora’s story through, history, dance, music, food and the arts.

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