



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Office of the Commanding General

SUBJECT: Armed Forces Day 2006

I am afraid that this year we are unable to open our gates to our good friends, neighbors and supporters in the surrounding area on Saturday, May 20 for a Picatinny Armed Forces Day Celebration.

Planning and hosting an open house like last year's requires a great deal of effort and manpower. Our Warfighters expect us to help them fight and win the war on terror by devoting our full attention to their requirements. Regrettably, planning and organizing an open house does not allow us to focus fully on our fast-paced mission. I hope all of you understand.

Those of us who work at Picatinny will pay tribute to the members of our Armed Forces by taking part in a small, internal observance on Friday, May 19, that will be smaller in size but not in spirit. I encourage all of you to do the same in whatever way that you can.

I am hopeful that Picatinny can once again open its gates on Armed Forces Day within the next two years. In the meantime, please keep our servicemen and women in your thoughts and prayers as they go about the dangerous mission that they perform for all of us.

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