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## Desert Recreation District Hosts Veterans Open House and Community Townhall

Indio, CA - The Desert Recreation District is inviting local veterans and their families to attend a Veterans Open House and Community Townhall on Saturday, January 31st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the DRD Indio Gymnastics and Performing Arts Center, formerly the Metro 8 Movie Theater, located at 81725 CA 111 in Indio.

The Veterans Open House and Community Townhall is designed as a listening focused event. At this time, the Desert Recreation District does not offer veteran specific programs. Rather than assuming what veterans want or need, the District is creating a space for open discussion to hear directly from veterans and their families.

The event will include a facilitated conversation where participant input will help guide future programs, classes, services, and events. District staff will share a brief overview of the Desert Recreation District and explain how feedback gathered during the townhall will shape next steps and long term planning.

“This Open House is about listening and learning directly from the veterans in our community,” said Dr. Martin, General Manager of the Desert Recreation District. “Their voices will help guide how we move forward and ensure future efforts are meaningful, relevant, and rooted in real needs.”

Veteran resource organizations will also be on site to provide information and connect attendees with available services in the community.

Families are encouraged to attend as the District will have fun activities for all, coffee, refreshments, and food will be available.

Veteran organizations interested in hosting a resource booth are encouraged to attend and help spread the word. Please contact Scott Sear at (760) 347-3484 or [ssear@drd.us.com](mailto:ssear@drd.us.com) for more information.

### About

*[Desert Recreation District](#) (DRD) is the largest park and recreation district in California, covering 1,887 square miles and serving over 432,000 residents across the greater Coachella Valley. Our mission is to work closely with municipalities to ensure that every community, regardless of economic status, has access to quality recreation services. DRD manages and maintains more than 49 parks and recreation facilities, offering a wide range of programs, services, and classes designed to enrich the lives of our residents. We believe in the power of partnerships, collaborating with public, private, and nonprofit organizations to create opportunities for leisure, fitness, and community engagement. Our work is dedicated to promoting physical health, relaxation, and revitalization; fostering strong families and supporting individuals with disabilities; and enhancing the overall vibrancy of our community. By contributing to healthier lifestyles, a sense of belonging, and increased tourism, DRD plays an essential role in the economic and social well-being of the region. To find out more, visit [MyRecreationDistrict.com](http://MyRecreationDistrict.com)*