

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, as a nation, we are fortunate to currently enjoy an elevated way of life, and have great opportunities to live, work, play, achieve, and more, and we owe it to those who have served and continue to serve our nation in the United States Armed Forces in the name of freedom, and Tampa, Florida is fortunate to enjoy a close relationship with MacDill Air Force Base located in our city and who are an integral part of our community; and

WHEREAS, the **United States Army** was established prior to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on June 14, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress representing the citizens of the thirteen American colonies, whereby authorizing the establishment of the Continental Army, and its components currently including the Army National Guard, the United States Army Reserves, and the Regular Army, all proudly serving our nation in times of peace and in times of war; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army, celebrating its 250th Birthday this June 14th, is the primary land service branch of the United States Department of Defense, is designated as the Army of the United States in the United States Constitution, and its motto is ***This We'll Defend***, the creed by which the American Soldier lives and serves; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1950, the **Association of the United States Army** (AUSA) is a nonpartisan educational and professional development association and serves as a voice for the Army and support for the Soldier, and it has over 120 chapters worldwide, including locally, the AUSA Suncoast Chapter; and

WHEREAS, established in 1971, the **AUSA Suncoast Chapter** provides support to active duty, National Guard, and Reserve service men and women of the United States Army and their families along the central west coast of Florida, including Tampa, and the organization is committed to fostering connections within the military community and actively supporting programs and initiatives including ROTC, JROTC, and scholarships to worthy cadets; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the United States Army's 250th Birthday, the AUSA Suncoast Chapter is hosting its **250th Army Birthday Ball** on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Hilton Downtown Tampa Hotel featuring keynote speaker United States Army General Bryan Fenton, 13th Commander of the United States Special Operation Command (USSOCOM) located at MacDill Air Force Base, and the special event provides an opportunity to celebrate and honor the long and illustrious history of the United States Army.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 14, 2025, as

“UNITED STATES ARMY’S 250TH BIRTHDAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in honoring those who paved the way for us all, pay tribute to those who have and continue to bravely serve our city, state, and nation, and never forget their contributions, efforts and sacrifices.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of May 2025.



Jane Castor

Mayor