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TUCSON'S 238TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – August 20, 2013

Mariachi music from Los Changuitos Feos will greet guests at the Presidio San Agustín del Tucson, where the flag ceremony will be held honoring the five flags that have flown over Tucson. Flags include American, Spanish, Mexican, Confederate and State of Arizona, as well as the Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe Flags, and a replica of the 28-star American flag that was brought by the Mormon Battalion and flown over Tucson on December 16, 1846.

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission began presenting the flag ceremony to the community in 1975 and is again sponsoring this year's event. Other sponsors/partners include the City of Tucson – Parks and Recreation and City Clerk's Office, Pima County, Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation, El Presidio Neighborhood Association, the Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation, Los Descendientes del Presidio de Tucson, and the Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance. The event will be held at the Presidio San Agustín de 1 Tucson, the museum located on the site of Tucson's original Presidio.

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Place: Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Plaza

SW Corner of Church Avenue and Washington Street

The ceremony will also include a canon salute, a traditional Tohono O'odham blessing, reading the letter from Hugo O'Connor designating Tucson as the location for the presidio, signing/reading a proclamation from local governments, and sharing Tucson's birthday cake and paletas with attendees. Presidio soldiers will be in attendance as will others dressed in period costumes.

For additional event information, contact Marty McCune, 437-5355. For questions on ADA accommodations and accessibility for this event, call Alma Murrieta or Ana Juarez, City Clerk's Office, 791-4213.

Additional Information: Parking is available at the following locations; fees apply: Main Library Garage (enter from Alameda, west of Stone); and the Pennington Street Garage (6th Avenue and Pennington Street). For additional parking information: <http://parkwise.tucsonaz.gov/downtown.php>

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