

# The U.S. Marine Corps Join New International Military Show



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**LAS VEGAS, Feb. 28, 2011** -- 'The U.S. Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band', Twentynine Palms, California, will join military and police talent in a new military tribute show - the '[Las Vegas International Tattoo](#)'. The showcase acknowledges the public support for the US Forces and will be hosted at the Thomas and Mack Center, April 15-16th.



Expect to see a fast-paced patriotic [Las Vegas show](#) - a wild ride with the 'Wicked Tinkers' and their powerful Celtic rhythms and breathtaking routines with bayonet-tipped 1903 Springfield rifles from the 'US Army Drill Team'. 500 performers will take part in this new event, joining the 'US Marine Corps' and bands from the US Navy and Air Force.

The tribute is part of a 'Celtic Festival' – a program of events drawing together cultural interests from Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the USA. The festival includes the Las Vegas Celtic Gathering and Highland Games which

will see the current United State Pipe Band Champions, Los Angeles Scots Pipe Band compete head-on with the six-times World Champions from Canada, Simon Fraser University Pipe Band. Pipe Bands, Veterans, and Scottish Clans will also take part a street parade – [Pipefest Las Vegas](#).

Hold the dates for a 'Celtic' fueled party-mood weekend.

Las Vegas International Tattoo - show times are:

Friday April 15th - 7:30pm

Saturday April 16th – 7:30pm

[www.lasvegasinternationaltattoo.com](http://www.lasvegasinternationaltattoo.com)

Pipefest Las Vegas - parade times:

Friday April 15th - 12:00pm

[www.lasvegasinternationaltattoo.com/parade](http://www.lasvegasinternationaltattoo.com/parade)

Las Vegas Celtic Gathering and Highland Games – event dates:

Saturday April 16th

Sunday April 17th

[www.lasvegascelticsociety.com](http://www.lasvegascelticsociety.com)

The show cast includes:

US Army Drill Team

US Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band

US Navy Band Southwest

US Air Force Band from the Golden West

Vancouver Police Pipe Band

Winnepeg Police Pipe Band

The Pipes & Drums, 1st Battalion, The Scots Guards

Irish and Scottish Dancers

Wicked Tinkers – Celtic Rock Band

Last Orders!

The original meaning of 'military tattoo' was a drum performance dating back from the 17th Century when the British Army was stationed in Belgium and the Netherlands. Drummers from the garrison would be sent out to towns to signal to soldiers, 'last orders', get back to barracks! The duty was known as doe den tap toe ("turn off the tap") - an instruction in old-dutch for innkeepers to stop serving beer. Over time this ceremony has become a much bigger spectacle involving military and civilian assets, choreographed into complete theatrical presentations.

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