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WALKER TO HONOR MILITARY AT ZOO EVENT JULY 6th
Event Co-hosted by the Military Order of the Purple Heart

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker will co-host Operation Freedom this Sunday at the Milwaukee County Zoo, together with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The event pays tribute to our military. Operation Freedom is free to all branches of the Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, Reserves, National Guard, veterans and their families in Wisconsin.

Last year more than 15,000 members of the military and their families enjoyed the free picnic, zoo exhibits, military vehicle displays and patriotic program. Wristbands, required for free entrance to the zoo grounds for the 9am – 6pm event, were distributed by Veterans Service Offices statewide.

A highlight of this year's event will be the performance by the United States Army Drill Team at the start of the formal program at 1:30pm.

Radio host Jeff Wagner of Newsradio WTMJ 620 will co-host the formal program with Walker. A flyover by the Commemorative Air Force will take place during the program, along with an all-services Color Guard, a flag-folding ceremony by the Southeast Wisconsin Young Marines, and music by the Master Singers of Milwaukee.

The zoo will also be open to the public with regular zoo admission.

Please note Shuttle Service: Parking will be limited at the zoo lots. Operation Freedom visitors are encouraged to use the free shuttle at Milwaukee County's Fleet Management lot at 10320 Watertown Plank Road at Highway 45 and Watertown Plank Road west of Interstate 94. **All Will-Call admissions are at this location.**

DATE: Sunday, July 6, 2008
PROGRAM TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: Milwaukee County Zoo
Stage at south end of zoo parking lot
adjacent to Maple Cove

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