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FREEDOMFEST 2003 celebrates Independence in a big way

Fort Polk, LA—Freedomfest 2003, Fort Polk's celebration of independence kicks off July 4 at 6 p.m. at Alligator Lake. The evening celebration begins, courtesy of KVVP 105.7 with live music by renowned country music artist Johnny St. Clair. His latest hits include Haggard & Jones, Fix It Man and Red Eyed Morning. Sit back and relax with food and beverages from the vendors, or bring your own cooler.

At dusk the air will resonate with the sounds of the National Anthem and roaring of a 50-gun salute to each state while the sky's lit with an awesome display of fireworks that will take your breath away.

Admission is free and open to the public. Please remember glass bottles and pets are prohibited. Off post residents are encouraged to use LA 28 to Highway 469 to enter. Overflow parking will be provided with bus service to and from the celebration.

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