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Media invited to attend first-ever Educator Day at Gowen Field Aug. 9



(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra and Major General Michael J. Garshak will join forces for the opening ceremony of Educator Day at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Gowen Field.

The newly launched event, a collaboration of the State Department of Education (SDE) and Idaho Military Division (IMD), gives Idaho teachers and administrators the chance to learn about the unique career and training opportunities, benefits, incentives, family support programs and intangible skills the Idaho Military Division offers.

Reporters and photographers are invited to observe Educator Day and its participants during a number of the activities. Program representatives and military subject matter experts will be available for interviews throughout the event.

To attend, RSVP to cborders@imd.idaho.gov no later than 4 p.m. Aug. 8 and plan to meet Lt. Col. Borders at the main gate of Gowen Field no later than 7:45 a.m. Aug. 9.

Participants will learn about various youth-oriented developmental programs, including the Idaho Military Division's STARBASE STEM program, the Idaho Youth ChalleNGe Academy and Idaho National Guard Family Programs. Educators also will learn about Idaho Air and Army Guard Recruiting and Retention programs, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program, and many others.

During the event educators will receive an orientation to various simulators, facilities, vehicles, aircraft and other military equipment used by the Idaho National Guard, including the A-10 Thunderbolt II, the UH-60 Black Hawk and the M1 Abrams Tank.

Educator Day is a joint SDE-IMD program, seeking to foster a culture in which educators support and value military service and membership in the Idaho Air and Army National Guard. The program promotes cooperation by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives.

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